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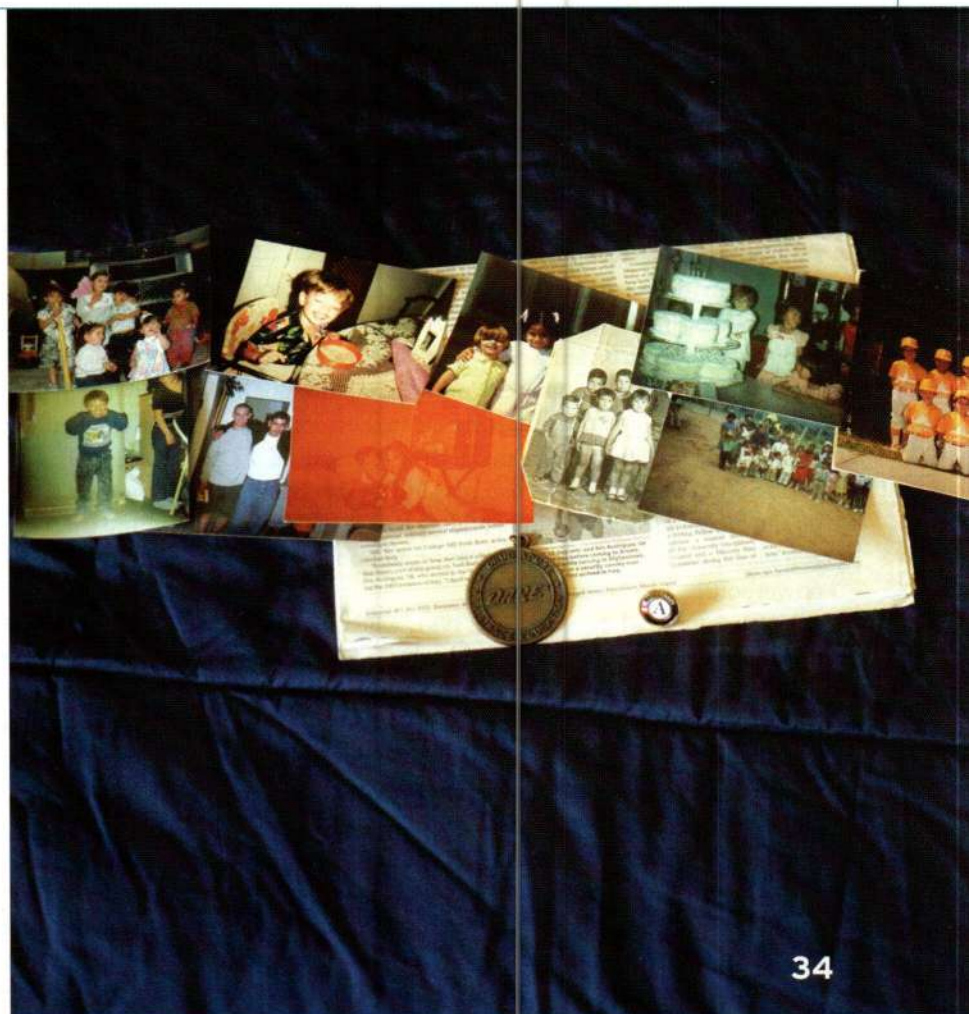
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A Long Way, Baby

AS I WRITE THIS, THE BROWN GYMNASTICS TEAM HAS COMPETED in only one match this season but finished it in first place, just ahead of MIT and Rhode Island College. Among other things, this is a tribute to head coach Sara Carver-Milne, whose recruits in recent years have made up one of Brown's best, and least known, sports stories. Posting the top two overall scores in this season's first match, for example, were two Brown freshmen, Vicki Zanelli and Vida Rivera, and Carver-Milne's top recruit last year is this issue's cover subject, Alicia Sacramone '10.

It's remarkable that the team has started the year so strongly without Sacramone, whose impact last year was enormous. Her accomplishments, as described in our story (page 20), are world class. She is captain of the U.S. team, which she led to a first-place finish in the World Championships in Germany last September. She was the last athlete to compete in the floor exercises, the competition's final event. Her performance nudged the team ahead of China. Over the last few years Sacramone has been a national and world champion in floor exercises and on the vault. She is the kind of athlete that is rare at any school and even rarer at a place like Brown, which has not traditionally been known as a gymnastics powerhouse.

We've come a long way since 1991, when the University withdrew funding from women's gymnastics, along with three other teams, as a way of saving money. The following year a group of student athletes sued under Title IX, the federal law that bans sex discrimination in higher education, and the case eventually made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled against Brown. The University resumed funding women's gymnastics in 1997, and Sacramone joined the team nine years later.

I readily admit a bias on this subject. My daughter is a high school gymnast, which has given me a front-row view of how the sport is often treated in athletic programs. At our local high school, this year's freshmen competed in hand-me-down leotards. Warm-up pants finally arrived around midseason. At pep rallies, the gymnasts are the last to be recognized. Far from demoralizing the athletes, however, this attitude seems to motivate them and bring them closer together. Our team is one of the best in the region.

My daughter and I got to see Sacramone compete for Brown last year. Watching her perform her floor routine, we were awestruck by her ability. But I was equally impressed with her demeanor on the sidelines. Although she was by far the best athlete in the building, she was as engaged watching and cheering on her teammates as she was leaping and somersaulting across the floor. After the meet was over, she came into the stands and sat and talked with young girls who were just starting out with gymnastics. The atmosphere was not that different from our local high school meets.

If Sacramone makes the U.S. Olympic team this summer, as she is likely to do, you will see her in Beijing in August. As you watch the coverage of women's gymnastics, remember the young woman described in our article. Remember, too, the recent history of the Brown gymnastics team and take pride that the school finally got it right.



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RANDY'S WAY

I HAVE READ THE ARTICLE BY CHARLOTTE Bruce Harvey '78 about Randy Pausch '82 over and over again ("It's Not Time Yet," November/December). I have several reactions to the story, with admiration and sympathy high on my list. Randy is, indeed, one in a million—one to be admired, one to challenge others, one who will be remembered, and one who will be missed. I wish the world had more like him. To others who have read this article: I hope you understand that this can happen to you.

It has happened to me. In the last week of November 2003, I was diagnosed with "diffuse large-cell lymphoma." I have been treated twice with chemotherapy, once with radiation, and twice with a palliative therapy. I was told my life expectancy could be counted in months, and I was admit-

ted to hospice.

After a month I was discharged. Today I live under the care of my daughter on a ranch east of Denver. My now-annual nuclear body scan shows no cancer. I write; I have had three articles published. I study; I am particularly engrossed with the English language, how it is used, how it is abused and still understood, and how it is changing as the world changes.

Life is worth living, and I hope that Randy Pausch will go into remission so that he can serve others as he has done throughout his lifetime to date.

WILLIAM A. JEWETT '41
Bennett, Colo.



THANK YOU FOR THE ARTICLE ON RANDY Pausch, as well as for all the other informative and inspirational articles you've published over the years. The morning after reading that piece, I watched Randy's entire lecture online, then ordered two DVDs of it, one to give to the high school where I taught until retiring two years ago.

Randy's mention of Professor of Computer Science Andries van Dam

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—Charles Denby '78 M.D.

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brought back memories. I never had the good fortune to take one of his courses, but in 1970 I remember Chris Braun '70 and other students who had studied with him speaking of "Andy" with reverence and awe.

Talk about leaving a legacy! If the only student he ever influenced had been Randy Pausch, that would be enough. Professor van Dam must have had a similar effect on generations of computer science students and, through them, on their protégés. Even though he's not a Brown graduate, perhaps you could do a piece about Professor van Dam some day.

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AMERICAN TASTES

"THE DIVA OF COOL" (NOVEMBER/December) certainly validates H. L. Mencken's observation: "Nobody ever

went broke underestimating the taste of the American public."

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CHARCOAL PEANUTS

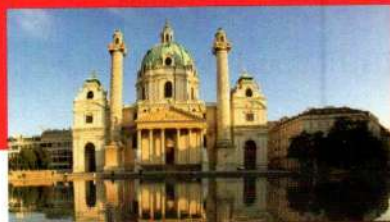
WHAT A TREAT TO READ "THE PANICKED Person's Holiday Gift Guide" (November/December). As I usually have most of my Christmas shopping done early, I found the guide more a catalog of adventures than of gifts. So many different alumni, from all eras, have pursued their own passions—to fantastic effect. I never would have thought I would be able to find charcoal peanuts

and literary board games in one spot! I celebrate the spirit that is Brown and that has encouraged so many people to strike out on their own. I hope BAM will continue this guide in years to come because I cannot wait to see what other alumni are doing with their myriad talents and ideas.

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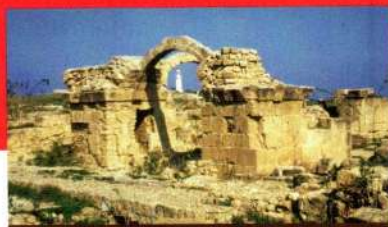
READING THE "FINALLY" ARTICLE ON Howard Swearer in the November/December issue reminded me of his



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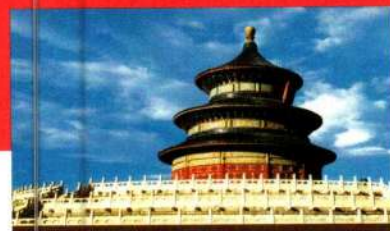
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closing remarks at the June 1990 week-long seminar at Brown on the collapse of the Soviet Union. When Swearer took questions following his speech, one gentleman asked, "Mr. Swearer, with the death of Communism in Russia and Socialism on the decline everywhere, what will happen to all the radicals, leftists, fellow travelers. Where will they go now?" Swearer never hesitated: "Don't worry," he said, "There will always be a place for them at Brown."

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DID HE REALLY SAY THAT?

YOU REPORT THAT LEE SILVER, IN REBUTTING Francis Fukuyama's argument that every evil that bioengineering might be able to eliminate has its good, picked bipolar disorder as a counterexample ("Playing God," Elms, November/December). He thereby made a better case for Fukuyama's position than his opponent did.

Van Gogh, Virginia Woolf, Michelangelo, and Shakespeare were all manic-depressives (or, in current psychiatric terminology, bipolars), as were all the major English Romantic poets. Kay Redfield Jamison, a leading authority on bipolar disorder and herself a manic-depressive, says as much in her 1995 book *Touched with Fire: Manic-Depressive Illness and the Artistic Temperament*, though with Shakespeare she conveys her diagnosis implicitly, via her comments about Hamlet.

Why Silver chose as a candidate for elimination a disease which, in its manic phase, has been responsible for so much creativity I don't know. And I'm even more perplexed that he didn't instead propose Huntington's Syndrome, say, which has no up side that I'm aware of. What Silver did prove is that scientists are generally not well-suited to philosophizing.

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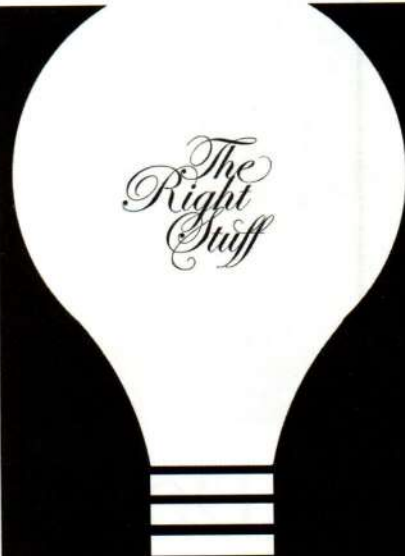
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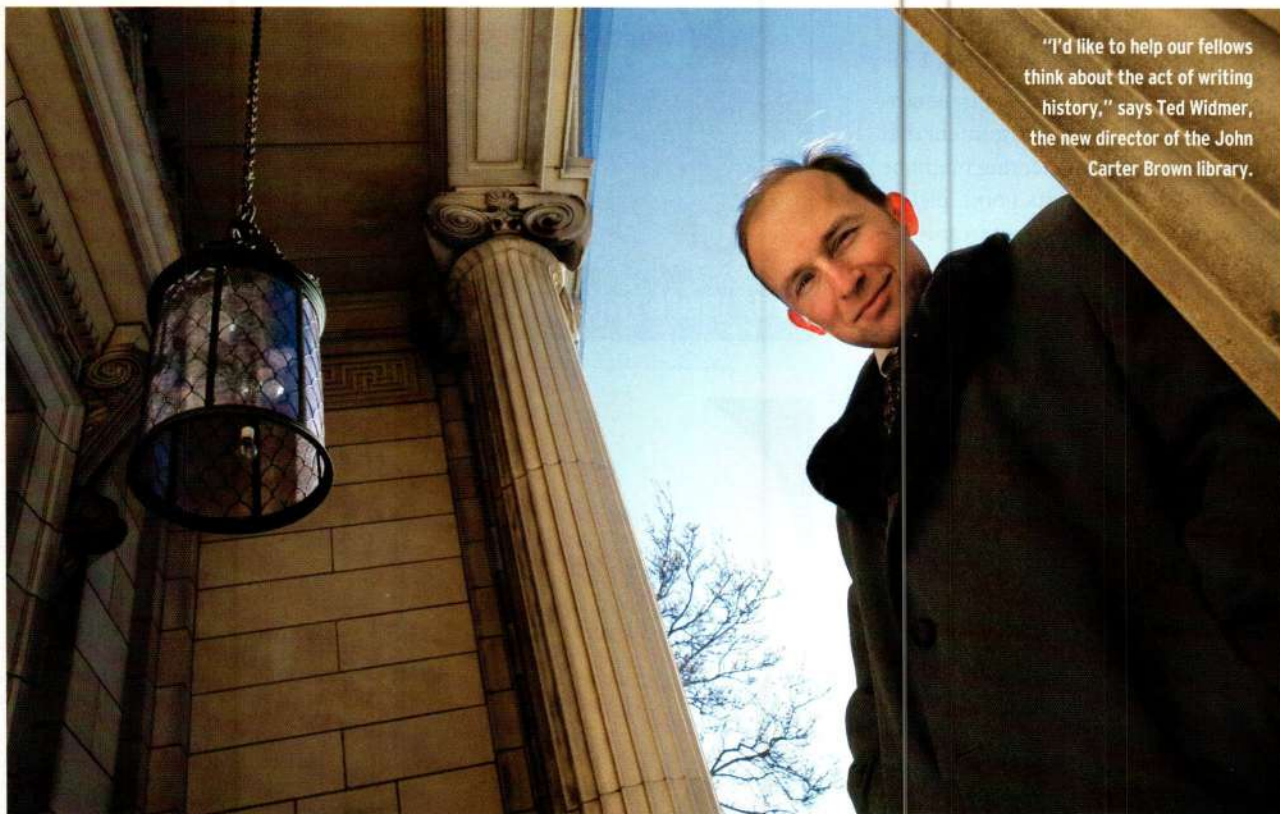
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"I'd like to help our fellows think about the act of writing history," says Ted Widmer, the new director of the John Carter Brown library.

Opening the Doors

Can the John Carter Brown library be more than a haven for specialized academics?

[LIBRARIES] ATTENTION ALL alumni: during your years on campus, how many times did you enter the John Carter Brown library?

If you answered zero, you're not alone. Though it's centrally located on the College Green, the JCB is used mostly by researchers from distant places, who arrive to examine its impressive

collection of materials relating to the first two hundred years or so of European settlement of the New World. For researchers of that period, the JCB is the Fenway Park of academia.

So it came as a bit of a surprise last summer when library's board hired Ted Widmer to replace longtime director Norman Fiering, who was

retiring. Although Widmer has three Harvard degrees, including a PhD in the history of American civilization, he is better known as a former presidential speechwriter for Bill Clinton and a reporter and essayist for a variety of general-circulation magazines and newspapers. His byline pops up much more frequently in the *New York Times*

than in academic journals, and his most recent book was an edited volume in the Library of America series, the 2006 *American Speeches: Political Oratory from Abraham Lincoln to Bill Clinton*.

But in fact the choice was part of a strategy to make the library more accessible to nonscholars and more inviting to students and faculty. "The front of the building can be intimidating," Widmer says. "We have very large doors."

Widmer hopes to open these doors by inviting more students and faculty in—he has already created a ten-dollar-a-year "friends" program for undergraduates—and by encouraging the scholars working at the JCB (known as "fellows") to think of their potential audience more broadly.

"I'd like to help our fellows think about the act of writing history," he says. "Everyone has his or her own style of writing, yet at the same time there is a divide between the way academics write and the way most people out there read."

Widmer says he admires many history books written by nonacademics—David McCullough, for example—and their ability to reach many readers.

"I think it's noble to try to reach wider audiences," Widmer says. "It's important for the person writing and it's equally important for the audience out there."



[LANDMINES] Landmine Survivors Network (LSN) executive director **Jerry White '86** kicked off a daylong seminar on limb-replacement technologies November 29 by recounting how a landmine blew off his lower right leg while he was hiking in Galilee during his junior year at Brown. The mine was a leftover from the 1967 war, he said, before pointing out that landmines wounded or killed nearly a billion people during the last century, 80-90 percent of them civilians. White cofounded the LSN in 1997 to help ban landmines and aid the disabled. In April, St. Martin's Press will publish his book, *I Will Not Be Broken: Five Steps to Overcoming a Life Crisis*.

Because the library contains material from the early years of British, French, and Spanish settlement in the New World, Widmer believes the JCB could be especially useful in tracing how the Americas have been viewed by the rest of world, a subject of particular importance today.

Although a Harvard alumnus, Widmer grew up at Brown. His father, Eric Widmer, was a Chinese history professor and a dean of admission. Ted's first

job was as a ball boy for men's soccer.

But it was Bill Clinton who transformed him from a scholar to a writer. "I was a foreign-policy speechwriter for Clinton, working in the National Security Council during his second term, from 1997 to the end," Widmer says. "That radically changed the way I wrote, because you can't be wordy, you can't be abstract. You have to be concrete and efficient. And I found that after some difficulties adjusting, I really liked being that way."

Widmer also wrote a history column for John F. Kennedy Jr. '83 at *George* magazine. "I wrote a letter to him out of the blue asking if he would consider a stranger's attempts to write history for a new magazine," Widmer recalls. "To my amazement, he said yes. There was a whole cadre of Brown alums at *George*, friends of John who loved history and politics, and when they discovered I had Brown connections, I felt even more a part of their world."

Now, he says, his mission is simple: "I need to go out and explain to a new generation why the JCB is one of America's top centers for the study of our early history." —NORMAN BOUCHER

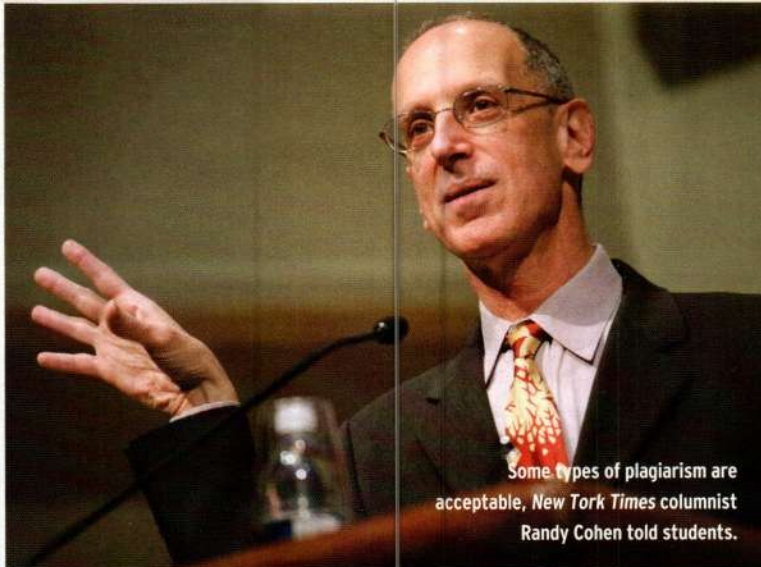
Last year the Simmons administration announced its intention to "internationalize" Brown more, and in January former Harvard **international law professor David Kennedy '76** took office as vice president for international affairs. In December Provost David Kertzer '69 announced that **six faculty would receive seed grants totaling \$85,000** for international projects, including a global health study, research on Brazilian slums, and collaborations with gender-studies and computational-mathematics researchers at Nanjing University in China.... With a **Fulbright grant, anthropologist Matthew Gutmann** will study Mexicans' thinking about democracy, the armed forces, and masculinity. The same Fulbright program will bring to campus **scholars from Argentina, Korea, and China**.... Twelve million Americans will need long-term care by 2020, and the National Institute on Aging awarded Brown's Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research **\$10 million to create a national database** so researchers can study the problem.

**[SINCE
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TIME]**

In Defense of Plagiarism

Ethicist Randy Cohen expounds on the difference between artful imitation and outright theft.

[MORALS] "I'M ALL FOR PLAGIARISM IN ITS place," said Randy Cohen at Salomon auditorium November 29. Cohen, who writes The Ethicist column in the *New York Times Magazine*, had been invited by the graduate school to dissect the



Some types of plagiarism are acceptable, *New York Times* columnist Randy Cohen told students.

BLURRED VISION Just because the world sometimes seems to go by in a blur doesn't mean the images streaming across your field of vision don't matter. Writing in the December 4 *Current Biology*, Professor of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences **William Warren** and several of his colleagues showed that what we perceive as a blur actually plays a vital role in directing us toward our chosen destination. "With a continuous flow of visual information, your brain allows you to rapidly and accurately adapt your direction of walking," says **Hugo Bruggeman**, the postdoctoral research associate in Warren's lab who led the research. "So we're constantly recalibrating our movements and our actions based on information such as optic flow."

DATA POINTS

HPV AND CANCER Human papillomavirus type 16 (HPV16), a common strain of the sexually transmitted HPV, is a known risk factor for head and neck cancer. Heavy smoking and drinking have also been linked to these cancers. So what happens when someone with HPV16 smokes and drinks? Surprisingly, the risk for these cancers doesn't go up, according to research by Professor of Community Health **Karl Kelsey** published in the November *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* in November. Kelsey says the reason may be that the head and neck cancers caused by HPV are actually different kinds of cancer than the ones caused by smoking and drinking.

PREMIER PRIMARIES Oh, to live in New Hampshire or Iowa. It turns out that their residents pretty much select each political party's presidential candidate, and according to Associate Professor of Economics **Brian Knight** and doctoral student **Nathan Schiff '05** this is not a good thing. In a December National Bureau of Economic Research working paper, the pair showed that Iowans and New Hampshire-ites have up to twenty times the influence of voters in later primaries. "Evidence that early voters have a disproportionate influence over the selection of candidates violates one-person-one-vote," says Knight, "a democratic ideal on which our nation is based." Furthermore, he notes, Iowa and New Hampshire "are not exactly representative of the nation in terms of diversity."

—LAWRENCE GOODMAN



crime of copying, and along the way he distinguished the flattery that underlies artful imitation from the deceit of academic and journalistic plagiarism.

It's one thing, he said, for Eric Clapton to lift a few bars from Buddy Guy and pay homage to the blues master. Similarly, Cohen defended *Atonement* author Ian McEwan from the recent accusation of lifting historical details from a 1978 memoir by a British romance novelist and former war nurse named Lucilla Andrews. McEwan credited Andrews in the book, and although she herself didn't object to the borrowing, literary journalists were quick to pounce. A raft of prominent authors, including Margaret Atwood, John Updike, and Thomas Pynchon, then defended McEwan. Cohen argued that it's the nature of literature to refer to and build upon what went before, with the aim of making it better.

But the rules are different in journalism and academia, he said. The public trusts reporters to get their facts right and to provide information that's new, not copied. Similarly, he said, taking credit for someone else's intellectual work violates the academic principles of discovery and intellectual honesty.

Cohen acknowledged that his own column has been plagiarized by a European advice columnist. He noted that his imitator didn't rip off his answers, however—only the questions. —CHARLOTTE BRUCE HARVEY '78



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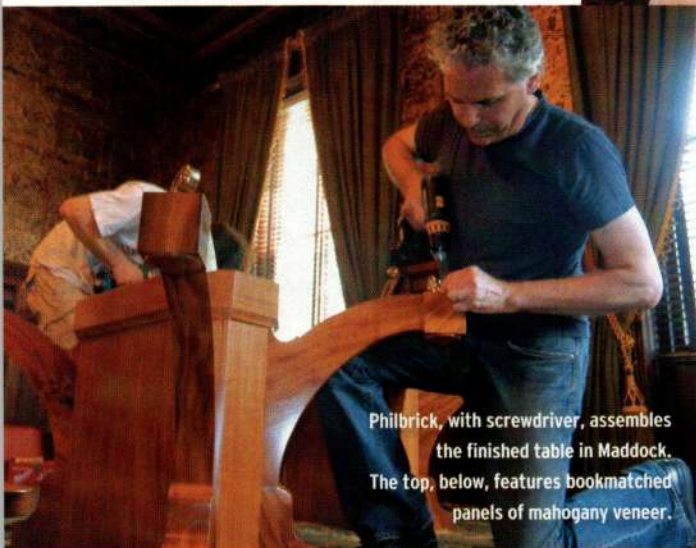
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[WOODCRAFT] AS ANYONE WHO has visited the Maddock Alumni Center on campus knows, Brown puts on its best face for visiting alums. The interior of the building features such touches as oak ceiling beams, mahogany framing and doors, and wallpaper reproductions of nineteenth-century imitation-leather paper. "The home," a Brown Alumni Association brochure says of Maddock,



Philbrick, with screwdriver, assembles the finished table in Maddock. The top, below, features bookmatched panels of mahogany veneer.

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When Maddock needed a new large table for its biggest conference room recently, the alumni committee charged with the building's upkeep sought a master craftsman who also understood Brown history.

Using funds from the endowment set aside for the building's upkeep, the committee hired Tim Philbrick. Although not an alumnus, Philbrick is a Brown parent and claims a lineage few alumni could top. Brown graduates include his father (Charles H. Philbrick II '44, who was also a longtime distinguished English professor at the University) his mother, a brother, a nephew, a cousin (author Nathaniel Philbrick '78), an aunt, a great-grandfather, uncles, and an assortment of relatives going all the way

back to Thomas Hazard, one of the ten men who in 1764 founded Rhode Island College, which forty years later would be renamed Brown.

Philbrick's was an artistic and freethinking family. His grandfather worked his way through Brown by making hand-carved wooden tables, and when Philbrick's daughter was accepted, he suggested paying her

just north of San Francisco. It was there that Tim came to realize he preferred fixing up the furniture out back to selling it to the public out front.

In 1970 he returned to Rhode Island and soon apprenticed with local furniture maker John C. Northup Jr. In 1978 Philbrick completed Boston University's three-year program in artisanry under the watchful eye of cabinet-maker and furniture historian John Kirk. Courses in the graduate program fol-

lowed, freeing Philbrick to move away from strictly traditional American furniture and to begin incorporating ideas from Egyptian, Roman, and Chinese cultures into his work.

Today Philbrick's work is in the permanent collections of several museums, including Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the Smithsonian Institution. Two of his piano cases are part of the Steinway and Sons Artcase series.

Brown was not one of Philbrick's easiest clients. "I submitted a drawing and gave them an estimate," he says. "Eventually they said, 'It's a go.'" Then two-and-a-half years went by." By the time officials said the project had been approved, he had to reprice everything.

The biggest challenge he faced was the table's size, ten feet long by six feet wide. That meant a solid wood top was out of the question. "On a table that size," he says, "you'd immediately see cupping with solid wood." He decided to construct the top of premium European plywood and cover it with carefully bookmatched and unusually wide panels of Cuban mahogany veneer. Supporting the top are matching double pedestals and a substructure of white ash. The table is finished with precatalyzed lacquer, and Philbrick says it should darken with age to resemble the dark wood in the room.

"To me this has been an important project," he says. "It's a major work for me, and because my family has been involved with Brown for so long, it has really meant something to me." —N. B.



tuition by donating some of his own handmade furniture. Brown officials declined the offer.

As a teenager Philbrick wasn't much interested in school. As a senior in high school he moved from Rhode Island to California, where he noticed that a lot of furniture considered junk back in Rhode Island was fetching a good price in San Francisco antique stores. Loading up a truck with Rhode Island cast-offs, he and his brother opened up their own antiques store in Corte Madera,



Forget Harvard

How Brown could benefit from the end of early admissions elsewhere.

[STUDENTS] WHEN HARVARD AND Princeton announced in 2006 that they were phasing out their early admission programs, officials at the other Ivies wondered how they would be affected.

Now that the early-decision season is over at Brown, the numbers suggest that the early applicant pool may be getting more competitive. The University received 2,449 early decision applicants, up almost 6 percent. Although it's impossible to say for sure, the uptick may be from students who would have otherwise applied early to Princeton and Harvard and decided to give Brown a whirl. Other top-tier schools that still allow early admissions saw even bigger jumps—Yale's pool jumped by 36 percent and the University of Chicago's rose 42 percent.

Brown's dean of admission, James Miller '72, cautions against reading too much into these numbers. Stanford and several other top schools, he says, did not see any increase in the number of applicants applying early. "We expected to see nationwide patterns that didn't really emerge or materialize," he says.

Miller believes that the real impact of the new policy at Harvard and Princeton will be felt this spring when another round of admissions is announced. Because early applicants to either Harvard or Princeton were forbidden from applying to any other school as a condition of being considered early, Miller says that schools like Brown never really had a crack at them. Now, though, those students must participate in the spring admission process, which allows them to apply to as many

colleges and universities as they want. All of a sudden Brown's applicant pool will include a few thousand more of the best and brightest students in the country.

Miller believes that Brown will accept many of these new applicants, giving the school a shot at getting them to matriculate. "We will need to be very aggressive in our recruiting efforts to try and get these kids to come to Brown," he says. "We're looking really hard at what we do."

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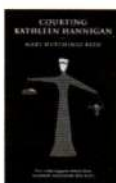
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Sports

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Matt Britner '08 hopes to play major league soccer after graduation.

the Year honors. As the season progressed, the Ivy title was in sight and the team looked forward to advancing deep into the NCAA tournament. They steamrolled their regular season opponents, going 15-1-1, with their only loss coming October 2 in a 1-0 shutout at home against Boston University. A perfect 7-0-0 in Ivy competition, the Bears took home Brown's nineteenth title and, notably, its eighth under head coach Mike Noonan.

Brown also shone on the national stage. The Bears defeated several nationally ranked teams, including their first opponent of the season, Santa Clara, which was then ranked fifth. In October they beat Boston College, the eventual number-one seed in the NCAA tournament.

"The way the season started was exceptional," Britner says. "It gave us the confidence in the beginning of the season that we could beat anybody in the country. From there the confidence within the team just grew and grew. We kept winning and winning. Even after the loss [to BC], we didn't let that stop us. I think that win set the tone for the season."

Brown crested at a number-two national ranking in some polls and was seeded sixth and given a first-round bye in the NCAA tournament, which was played in Providence in late

Bitter End

After a perfect Ivy season, the **men's soccer team** stumbles in the NCAA tournament. BY GORDON MORTON '93

IT WAS A STORYBOOK FALL. CO-CAPTAIN MATT BRITNER '08 CAME BACK FROM TWO surgeries to compete in his final season after missing all of the 2004 season and all but two games in 2006. His play was strong enough to earn Ivy League Player of

November. The players were set for a deep run in the tournament. The Bears were favored in their first two games and were expected to go on to the Elite Eight.

But games are played on the field, not on paper. One team can dominate for most of a season and still falter in the end, and this is especially true in soccer, where a single well-placed kick can render a media guide full of statistics meaningless. That, in the end, is what happened on November 28, when Brown hosted Old Dominion in the NCAA tournament's second round. The numbers looked good. The Bears held a huge statistical advantage in shots and corner kicks that day (18-9 and 14-2, respectively). Brown appeared to be controlling the play on the field.

True, the Monarchs took a 1-0 lead just 11:07 into the match. But after Noonan settled down his players at halftime, Kevin Davies '08 knotted the score at 1-1 a mere three minutes after the intermission.

"The first goal [scored by Old Dominion] was a case of nerves and indecision," Noonan says. "Looking back on it, I could have changed some things in the way that we approached the game because we've never had a bye. The second goal [scored by Brown] was going to happen. We were shutout one time all year. Kevin scored a great goal, and

we continued to push the issue. Even though the game went to overtime, we were very confident."

Wide receiver Paul Raymond '08, "the fastest man in the Ivy League," played in the 62nd Annual Hula Bowl at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu on January 12.... Water polo's **Mike Gartner '09** finished the season ranked thirteenth in the nation with seventy-four goals.... Outfielders **Ryan Murphy '08** and **Steve Daniels '07**

have been named to the 2008 Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award Watch List; the award is given annually to the nation's top collegiate baseball player.... Ten student athletes were named to the Academic All-Ivy teams this fall, an honor given to varsity starters or key reserves with

a 3.0 or better grade point average: **Katie Auriemma '08** (field hockey), **Lindsay Cunningham '09** (women's soccer), **Anne Friedland '08** (women's soccer), **Smita Gupta '08** (women's cross-country), **Natalie Meyers '09** (women's volleyball), **Matt Britner '08** (men's soccer), **Mike Gartner '09** (men's water polo), **Paul Raymond '08** (football), **Dylan Sheehan '09** (men's soccer), and **Ari Zamir '08** (men's cross-country).... Kicker **Steve Morgan '08** was named recipient of the Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston.



[REPLAY] Victories have been rare for women's basketball this season, despite the best efforts of athletes like guard **Christina Johnson '10**, seen here during a November loss against URI. The women were 1-13 in early January. The men have fared better under second-year coach Craig Robinson with an 8-6 record heading into Ivy play. It's only the second time in school history that the team has won at least eight non-Ivy games.

Old Dominion's second and deciding goal came at the 106:45 mark in the second overtime, just three minutes and fifteen seconds before the teams would have to turn to penalty kicks to settle the issue. The ball headed for the Brown goal from sixteen yards out, looping over the head of goaltender Paul Grandstrand '11, who would later be named to the *College Soccer News* all-freshman first team.

"It was a surreal moment," Britner says. "It was the end, and it didn't feel like it. I hadn't prepared for that. I was in shock when it was over."

"When they scored the goal, it was a fluke goal," Noonan says, still seemingly unable to believe it happened.

Britner, an economics and history concentrator who completed his degree requirements in December, hopes that

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[REPLAY] Last year's team MVP, forward **Hayley Moore**, jostled for position against St. Lawrence University's Mari-anna Locke during a home game on November 30. The Bears dropped the game, 6-2, despite a goal and an assist from Moore. The women were 2-12-3 as of early January. The men, 1-11-4 over the same period, have also had a disappointing year. Perhaps the most frustrating game of the season for the men's team was its January 5 contest against Yale. With Brown ahead, 2-1, and just over a minute to play, Yale tied the game and scored again fifty-one seconds into overtime.

his soccer career didn't end on Stevenson Field on that cold November night. His plan now is to try to join the growing ranks of Brown-trained pros.

"I'm going to definitely explore the possibility," he says. "It has been such a large part of my life since I was three years old. Not everyone gets the opportunity to try and play. If I didn't, in five years I would wonder if I could. If it doesn't work out, there is plenty of time to get a real job."

Britner has already been invited to the Major League Soccer combine in January, a huge opportunity for potential draftees to showcase their talents to teams before the draft a few days

later. If an MLS team doesn't draft him, Britner may try to play in Europe. A native of Nova Scotia, Britner also holds a German passport, making him particularly attractive to European teams, as his spot on a roster would not count against the limit of "foreign" players.

"Matt can play at the next level," says Noonan, who has seen several of his former players succeed in professional soccer. "Luck plays into that, too, but he has the skill set and the mentality to be a good, maybe even great, pro."

GORDON MORTON, who covers sports for the BAM, has written a book on the history of Brown athletics.

Still Going

After fifty-eight years at Penn State, **Joe Paterno '50** enters the College Football Hall of Fame.

JOE PATERNO '50 WAS A FEW MINUTES late to the press conference that preceded his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in December. But at eighty-one years old, Paterno, who completed his fifty-eighth season as a Penn State football coach this fall, hasn't missed a step. During that time, the school has played 656 football games. Paterno has missed three.

"I apologize for being one year and twenty minutes late," he said after approaching the microphone.

Paterno was referring to the fact that he was actually scheduled to enter the hall in 2006, but was out of commission at the time recovering from injuries he'd suffered when two players inadvertently ran into him on the sidelines during that season's Wisconsin game.

"I'm only sorry I wasn't here last year with [Florida State head coach] Bobby Bowden," he continued, "somebody I respect so much, somebody I think has done a magnificent job at his school. We've been very fortunate. God's given us good health." Then he added, "Every

once in a while you get a little sloppy on the sideline and let somebody run into you."

"I am very honored to be selected for the Hall of Fame and to receive the Gold Medal," Paterno said in a statement at the time of the announcement. "They are the pinnacle awards anyone in college football can receive. Many people helped make this happen, starting with the great players with whom I've been involved and the great coaches who have been with me and worked in an unselfish way to help us have success and make the Penn State program what it is."

Paterno, who became Penn State's head coach in 1966 after sixteen seasons as an assistant coach, has built and maintained one of the premier college football programs in the country. Three days after Christmas last year he worked his 500th game as a head coach at the Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas. In that game, his Nittany Lions overcame a 14-0 first-quarter deficit to beat Texas A&M and finish the season 9-4, the twenty-seventh season with nine or more victories under Paterno. His all-time record is now 372-125-3, and he stands one victory behind Bowden (373-119-4) among major college coaches.

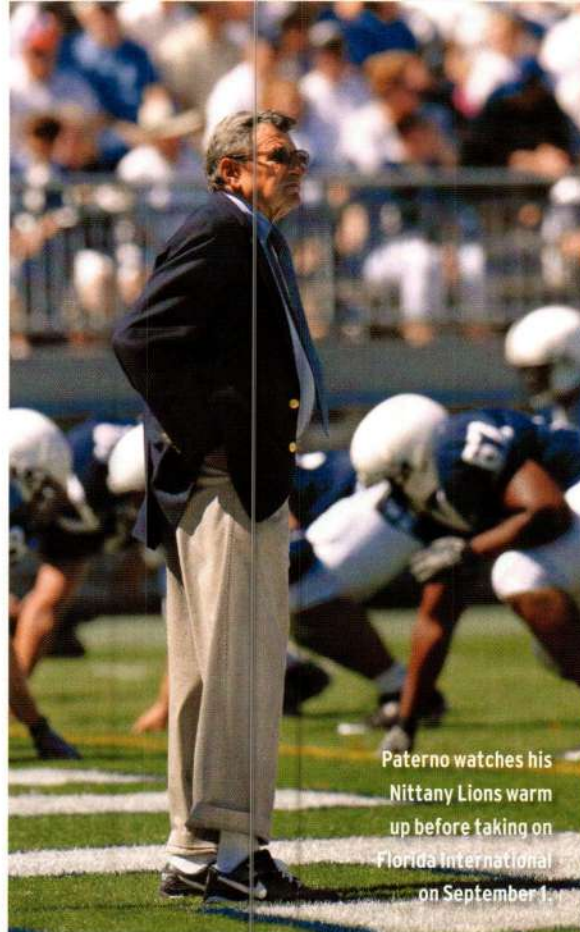
Paterno's Hall of Fame credentials are impeccable. He is the all-time leader in bowl appearances (thirty-four) and bowl victories (twenty-three);

he owns a 23-10-1 postseason record. Paterno's coaching résumé also includes two National Championships, five undefeated teams, and twenty-one top-ten finishes in the national college football rankings. He has won five AFCA Coach-of-the-Year plaques, and more than 300 of his former players have signed National Football League contracts, including thirty-one first-round draft choices.

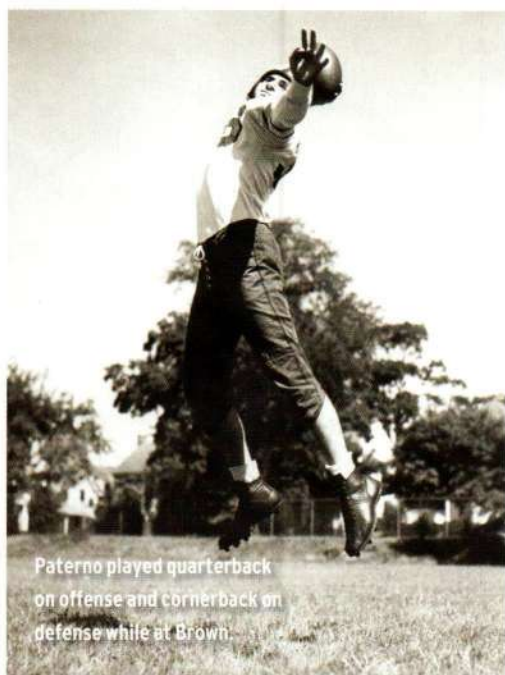
At Brown, Paterno was played quarterback on offense and a cornerback on defense; his fourteen career interceptions remain a school record. During his 1949 season, the Bears lost only one game and finished the season in a dramatic game against Colgate. With Paterno leading the team on the field, Brown scored three touchdowns during the last four minutes of the game for a 41-26 win.

After graduation, Paterno initially planned to attend law school, but when Brown head coach Charles "Rip" Engle left to coach at Penn State, he asked Paterno to come with him as an assistant. It was love at first snap. After forty-two seasons pacing the sidelines as head coach, Paterno has no plans to relinquish his headset anytime soon.

-G. M. B



Paterno watches his Nittany Lions warm up before taking on Florida International on September 1.



Paterno played quarterback on offense and cornerback on defense while at Brown.

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Paying the Bill

After in vitro produces healthy twins, what happens to the surplus embryos?

“WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH our embryos?” I asked my husband, Jon, over dinner seven weeks after our twins, Benjamin and Livia, were born. I posed the question casually, as if asking him what to do with tonight’s leftovers. The truth was I’d been thinking about little else since sorting through our bills that morning: phone, electric, water, cable, and Embryo Cryopreservation Storage Fee (\$220).

After three harrowing years of fertility treatments, we were in the ironic position of having embryos to spare—five, to be exact. During my last in vitro fertilization cycle my ovaries had gone into overdrive, spawning eggs like a salmon and swelling to thirty times their normal size, an excruciating and dangerous complication. My consolation prize was an excess of embryos frozen for future use. They had been my insurance policy in the event my pregnancy ended badly.

But now, miraculously, I stood spellbound over Benjamin and Livia, their slumbering bodies spooned together like tiny lovers. Healthy and beautiful, they, along with our three-year-old son, Jacob, should have rendered this latest bill moot. I had met my quota of kids. I didn’t need our “banked” embryos anymore. Or, did I?

Rationally, I knew that our extra embryos did nothing to protect Benjamin and Livia—or Jacob, for that matter—from harm. But my superstitious side still relied on them. They were my talisman, an offering to the fickle fertility gods, and a hedge against disaster. We’d had a fleeting-but-panic-inducing meningitis scare six days after the twins’ birth. That scare, because it had occurred just as I was finally letting my guard down, had left me all the more unhinged. Could I really trust in my good luck? Taking my illogical thinking to its logical conclusion: if we turned our back on our embryos, might we even be tempting fate somehow?

Besides, what would we do with them? I lacked the requisite combination of detachment and magnanimity to offer them up to research. Nor was I prepared to donate them, anonymously or otherwise, to another couple. I simply could not imagine our biological children raised by anyone other than us. While I couldn’t claim to love my children more than parents who did not struggle to conceive them, I did believe I loved them differently, the way a plane crash survivor holds life dearer for having nearly lost it. I had only to



look at Ben and Liv’s enormous blue eyes, the spitting image of my son’s and husband’s, to know that I could never give our embryos away.

Destroying the embryos seemed no better option. My recent membership in the “mothers of multiples” club notwithstanding, I still identified with my friends of “advanced maternal age,” women whose infertility ordeals I shared for so long. Discarding what they were still struggling to achieve felt like an affront. And, my adamantly pro-choice beliefs aside, I couldn’t help but feel as if our embryos held, if not life itself, the potential for life. Fertility treatments had given me a front row seat to the drama of conception, reducing it to hormone injections and relegating it to a petri dish, but also underscoring all that remained unknowable and awe-inspiring.

So, having marinated in my thoughts all day amid the changings, feedings, and crazy chaos of our expanded family, I waited for Jon to weigh in. He took a deep breath, paused, and finally said, “Let’s just keep paying the bill.”

I paid it the following day, as I know I will the next one and the one after that. Its arrival marks the anniversary of beings not yet realized, frozen indefinitely, and reminds me of a time when the effort to create life consumed my own. **B**

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Tasting the Gold

She has been a world champion. In one short year competing for Brown, she **rewrote the Ivy record book.** Now gymnast **Alicia Sacramone** '10 has her eye on a medal at this **summer's Olympics in Beijing.**

BY GORDON MORTON '93

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Imagine

that your longtime dream has been to win a medal in gymnastics at the Olympics in Beijing this August. You have been training incessantly for years, but over the past several months your work has become an obsession. Except for Sunday, you train every day for hours, repeating the components of your various routines over and over and over again. Three days a week you train twice as hard, spending six hours a day tumbling, leap-

ing, somersaulting, running, and twisting impossibly through the air.

Imagine that you are a Brown student in 2008. You take courses like History of France and Economic Development and Social Change. You attend class regularly, take careful notes, participate in the discussions and study groups, read, absorb, then read some more. Somehow you find time to coach some of your fellow Brown gymnasts. You study hard for exams, write papers, and meet with your professors.

Now imagine doing both these things at the same time.

You have just imagined the daily life of Alicia Sacramone, a Brown sophomore who also happens to be one of the world's best gymnasts. When you watch Sacramone compete in floor exercises—her best event—you find yourself wondering whether Newton was wrong about gravity. Sacramone's soaring leaps appear effortless, and her movements seem punishingly athletic, astonishingly graceful, and downright joyful.

During competitions, Sacramone appears relaxed and voluble with her teammates, but when her turn comes up she is determined and unstoppable. In 2005, Sacramone, the USA Gymnastics Sports-woman of the Year, was the U.S. national champion on the vault and on floor exercises. She was also that year's world champion on the floor and the world's third-best female gymnast on the vault, an event she usually dominates. In 2006, she was second in the world on the vault, and as captain of the U.S. team, she led the country's women





gymnasts to a second-place finish at the World Gymnastics Championships.

She was also captain of the U.S. team at the world championships in Stuttgart, Germany, last September. On the final day of competition, with only the floor exercises left to complete, the team trailed China by a narrow margin, thanks to missteps on the balance beam. Three U.S. women would perform routines on the floor. Sacramone's would be the last. The women would need to be nearly flawless to overtake the Chinese team. *Oh, my God*, Sacramone thought, *this is the most stress I've ever been under in my life*.

While waiting for the routines to begin, Sacramone gathered her teammates around her. "It's not over, guys," she told them. "Everybody makes mistakes. We can do it." And they did. By the time Sacramone and her teammates had finished their floor routines, the team led China by less than a point, winning the gold by 0.95 points, to be exact. Sacramone burst into tears. In the final individual standings, Sacramone finished second

in the floor exercises, by 0.025 points to her U.S. teammate Shawn Johnson, and took third on the vault, behind athletes from China and North Korea. But winning the team gold in Stuttgart, she says, was sweetest of all: "It was overwhelming because you always dream about winning that medal. When you actually get it, you don't know how to react. It was surreal. Everybody was crying."

For gymnasts, however, there is no greater competition than the Olympics. After Germany, Sacramone knew she would have to train like never before. Somehow, during her freshman year at Brown, she had found time to serve as captain of the Brown gymnastics team and had wasted no time entering the record book. At the Ivy Classic in February 2007—"World Champ Looms at Ivy Classic," brooded Penn's student newspaper before the competition—she set a new all-around tournament record and tied the previous vault high. She became the first Ivy League gymnast ever to finish first in every single

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event. She followed this up by finishing first in the floor exercises at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship. She set Brown records on the vault, floor, and all-around.

With the Olympics on the horizon, however, something had to give, and Sacramone decided it would be competing for Brown. Shortly after returning from Germany, Sacramone announced she was turning professional, giving up her final three years of NCAA eligibility and signing with a prominent sports marketing company to rustle up endorsements for Beijing. Within the gymnastics community, the move was not surprising. The last Olympic gymnast also to compete for her college did so almost twenty years ago, but her college coach was also her elite coach. Sacramone, by contrast, was working with not only Brown head coach Sara Carver-Milne, but also elite-gymnast coaches Mihai and Silvia Brestyan in Burlington, Massachusetts, an hour and a half north of Providence. Keeping up with a rigorous academic course load while training with two sets of coaches was an unprecedented challenge.

Her freshman year, Sacramone says, turned out to be more difficult than she’d anticipated. “I’d thought, ‘This won’t be that bad. I can handle it,’” she says. “But it was a lot of training, a lot of commuting back and forth, a lot of running around, going to class, late nights, just trying to get everything done. I’m glad I did it. It was a great learning experience. It taught me how to manage my time. It even helped with my gymnastics. My consistency went up just from doing both.”

But, in the end, she had no choice. “Our national team coordinator looks over what everyone does, and she said, ‘We are so proud of what you have been doing, but if you want to go to the Olympics, you really do need to focus just on that path,’” Sacramone says. “It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I figured if I’m only going to be training for this, I might as well try to go pro and see what happens. The year before the Olympics is a big year for endorsements because everybody is trying to get their product shown at the Olympic Games.”

The loss to the Brown team will be

significant this winter. “When I heard about her pro contract,” says coach Carver-Milne, “I had mixed emotions. Mostly, I’m thrilled for Alicia and the opportunities she has in front of her. She has worked so hard and will be a tremendous asset to Team USA at the Olympics.”

Interestingly, Brown was not Sacramone’s first choice. As a junior in high school, she was committed to UCLA, but she changed her mind during her last year. “UCLA is a great school,” she says, “but it wasn’t the one for me. It didn’t fit.” She knew Brown students who loved life on College Hill, including gymnast Jennifer Sobuta ’09, and Brown’s academic reputation appealed to Sacramone. The campus is also close to her family in Winchester, Massachusetts, and to her coaches in Burlington.

She is delighted with her decision, and with typical loyalty, has persuaded Carver-Milne to allow her to volunteer as an assistant coach for the Brown team this season. An extrovert who could be seen at meets last year constantly encouraging her teammates and exulting over their performances, she is exceedingly popular among her fellow gymnasts.

“I admire how much effort Alicia puts out, as a gymnast and as a friend,” says Brown teammate Izzy Kirkham-Lewitt ’10. “She’s there for you 100 percent. Always. Her schedule is crazy. I don’t know one other person who would be able to manage it. But no matter what, she is able to balance her two lives, in and outside the gym. As for in the gym, I don’t know anyone who works harder and contributes more in the gym environment. She has so much positive energy all the time. It’s great to just be around her.”

Sacramone, who turned twenty in December, is the senior member of the U.S. women’s gymnastic team. In a sport where the competition for individual recognition can become ruthless and bitter, Sacramone stands out as a fierce competitor and a gracious teammate. As a result, she has been voted Sportswoman of the Year three times. “I think what makes Alicia such a great gymnast,” says Brown teammate Kirkham-Lewitt, “is that as fierce as





In addition to working as a volunteer assistant coach at Brown, Sacramone works out with elite coach Mihai Brestyan six days a week (above). The photographs for this story are from one of their regular sessions at Brestyan's Burlington, Massachusetts, training center.

she is competitively, she also knows how to have fun. These two qualities show up in spades when she's doing a floor routine."

There is, of course, no guarantee that Sacramone will make the Olympic team. Her training continues, but the crop of elite women gymnasts in the United States is large. She will have to prove herself in the Visa Championships in Boston in early June, and she will have to be at her best at the Olympic Trials, which will be held in Philadelphia June 19–22. The final selection camp will be in mid-July, at which time the team and its alternates will be named. Sacramone's chances of making it are excellent. "As long as I stay healthy," she says, "and continue training and stay in shape, my chances are pretty good."

Once in Beijing, Sacramone believes

her best chance to medal will be in the floor exercises. "Floor is definitely my favorite," she says. "You get to show your personality a little bit more. You get your own choice of music. You get to dance. It is a combination of elegance and power because you are tumbling, but you are also doing dance and jumps. I feel like I have the most fun doing floor."

"I have never seen someone with more natural talent," says Kirkham-Lewitt. "I think she's one of the most electric performers I've ever seen."

Sacramone has indeed managed to collect a number of medals for her floor routines in recent years. In addition to her second-place finish on floor exercises at the 2007 World Championships, Sacramone picked up a bronze medal

at the 2007 Visa Championships, and in 2005 she was U.S. national champion and world champion in that event.

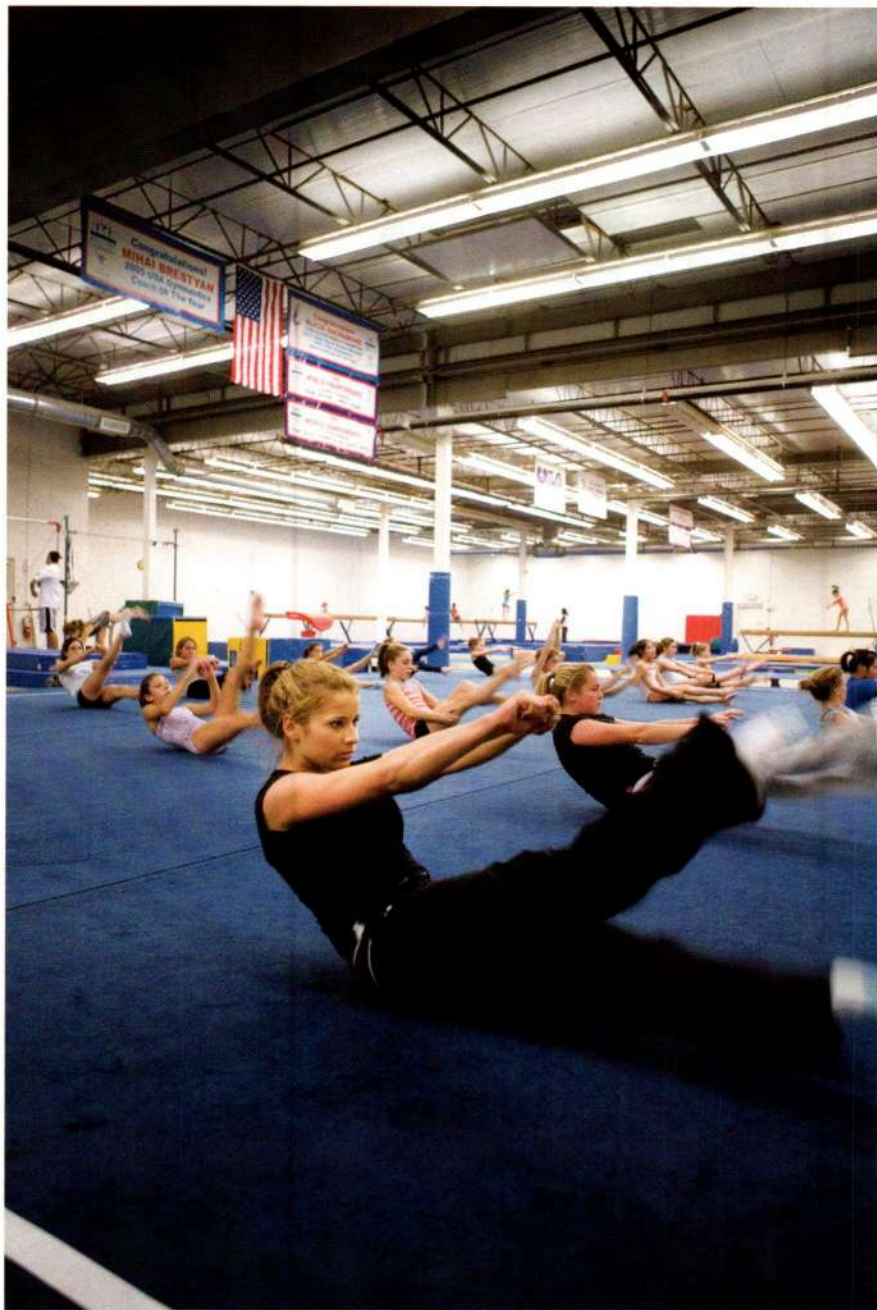
"I think what makes Alicia such a great gymnast is her strength and charisma," says coach Carver-Milne. "Not only can Alicia do some of the most difficult routines in the world, but she does them with such confidence and style."

Ironically, Sacramone's biggest challenge for the gold on floor in Beijing may come from a teammate: Shawn Johnson, who squeaked by Sacramone at the World Championships last year. While

Sacramone is known for her artistry and style on the floor, Johnson's routines are all about power. Sacramone believes her loss to Johnson at the worlds came as the result of a skid on her landing.

But as a former world champion in the event, Sacramone knows what it takes to recover. "Once you've tasted gold," she says, "that is all you want."

GORDON MORTON covers sports for the BAM. You can see Sacramone's 2007 World Championship performance at www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNXVwuh-8KE.



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How Brown Turned Me into a Right-Wing Religious Conservative...

**...and why
I'd still send my kids
to college there.**

BY DAVID KLINGHOFFER '87

Illustration by Luke Best



Here's a confession

you are unlikely to hear at your next class reunion. Brown turned me into the right-wing religious fundamentalist I am today. That's not the way I would describe myself, but it is how, very likely, many Brown alums would describe me. In brief, I'm an Orthodox Jew who argues for seeing political conservatism as a product of the blueprint of moral reality found in the Bible. And this happened to me at Brown, notwithstanding its reputation for secular liberalism.

Twenty years after graduation, I'm a seasoned professional conservative. I've been the literary editor of William F. Buckley Jr.'s *National Review* and now serve as a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, which, thanks to its advocacy of intelligent design, is probably the country's most hated think tank. My latest book, due out in June, is *How Would God Vote? Why the Bible Commands You to Be a Conservative*. You get the idea.

No parents, I assume, ever sent their child to Brown in the hope of inspiring a radical political and religious turn to the right. That would include my own liberal and secular Jewish parents, who were startled to realize the effect college was having on me. In high school, I wasn't content to be just a liberal. In the very Republican suburb of Los Angeles where I grew up, I wore hippie attire and a long beard, though I got rid of the facial hair in time for orientation week at Brown. By that time, I considered myself a socialist and was present, in Birkenstocks, for the school year's first meeting of the Democratic Socialists of America, held in a room in Hope College. Over my bed in Emery-Wooley hung a poster of Karl Marx. My freshman roommate, a lacrosse player from Long Island, seemed to think I was a pretty asinine seventeen-year-old. He was probably right.

By the summer of 1984, still asinine, I found my politics had been transformed. I was a youth delegate to the Republican National Convention in Dallas, which nominated Ronald Reagan for a second term. A noteworthy incident at the convention was the burning of a U.S. flag outside Reunion Arena by a Communist Youth Brigade member. He was arrested (with my hearty approval) and took his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled, in *Texas v. Johnson*, that anti-flag-burning statutes were unconstitutional.

What had happened to cause this political conversion? When I was a sophomore, a junior on whom I had a mad crush had

a theory on this question: "You're just a contrarian," she said. "You're an anti-chameleon. Whatever other people around you say, you'll say the exact opposite." I laughed and half-agreed.

We'll call her Tamara, to protect her privacy now that she's a responsible adult with a family. Back then she was a semiotics concentrator who despised Republicans, took offense at being called a "girl" instead of a "woman," smoked cigarettes over cups of greasy coffee at Loui's, and consumed books by such French theorists as Derrida, Barthes, and Foucault. By Tamara's own measure, these habits would make her a regular conformist at Brown in 1984, at least among students in the humanities.

For Brown at that time was pervaded by a delightful atmosphere of addled liberalism. I loved it even as I opposed it, and still look back with fondness and nostalgia. I wouldn't rule out sending my own kids to such a college. That may seem paradoxical coming from someone who today is a very conservatively inclined father of five, but as I hope this essay will show, an atmosphere of provocation and challenge does not necessarily lead to one political or religious end.

For a lot of students back then, Brown in 1984 was the platform for sticking it to everything that is traditional in our "patriarchal" culture, as they called it. If you think of a father as a symbol—or a "signifier," as the semiotics crowd liked to say—then knocking him on his back was exactly what lefty campus activism boiled down to.

When I arrived on campus in 1983, for example, the boiling controversy was over whether to invite the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps back to campus, almost twenty years after it had been abolished there. In 1984, students voted to demand that University Health Services stock suicide pills in case of nuclear war—a theoretical measure since everyone knew Brown officials would never terrify our parents by going along with the plan. But again, upsetting Dad was the point of the whole episode.

Nor was the revolt against the paternal limited to politics. The theme of the most fashionable humanities scholarship was to indict the patriarchy by accusing the great fathers of literature—the classic authors—of racism, sexism, and homophobia. This may sound like a cartoon, but at Brown in the mid-1980s, it was commonplace. Yes, I delighted in all this craziness. What I most value in it now is that it provoked me, arousing my suspicion. If so many people were so intent on decrying the patriarchy, on insisting that every traditional meaning transmitted by Western tradition was arbitrary and meaningless, then maybe the precise opposite was true. The more I was told that there was no singular Truth to be obtained from the great tradition that went before us,

the more I was inspired to seek out the forbidden.

This is, I think, an overlooked aspect of a good education that conservatives, not least the religiously conservative, often forget. Education is not indoctrination. The purpose of college isn't to program students with accepted doctrines, turning them into clones of their teachers and parents, but to provoke them to think for themselves. Brown, true to its best tradition, did this for me.

Beginning with my sophomore year, everything

that happened confirmed my new direction. I became the lone and reviled conservative columnist for the *Brown Daily Herald*. In my inaugural column, I wrote about an experience I'd had at the Third World Center. One afternoon, Tamara and I had wandered in and discovered that President Howard Swearer was in the building, about to have a meeting with students. We ambled down the hall to the entrance of the room where the meeting would take place, only to be stopped by a young woman. She looked us up and down. "Sorry, you can't come in," she said, adding that because Tamara and I were not "Third World" students, we were not welcome. We were barred from entering a university facility because we were white.

With a barely concealed glee at having discovered liberals in the act of discriminating on the basis of skin color, I wrote an inflamed column denouncing this antiwhite racism.

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I invoked Martin Luther King Jr. and the ideal of race-blindness. Warming to the subject, I pointed out that there was something wrong with Brown's—and many other universities'—approval of exclusively black fraternities and sororities. I lamented that at mealtime in the Ratty, you would see students of different races sitting at separate tables.

Why couldn't we all be friends? Why did no one protest politically correct racial separatism?



David Klinghoffer was a columnist for the *Daily Herald* while a student at Brown.

After the article appeared in the *Herald*, I returned to my room in Andrews Hall to find obscene graffiti on my door: F**K YOUR RACIST A**. Students poured forth enraged letters to the editor, almost every one condemning me. Because I was a resident counselor for a group of freshmen living in the basement of Andrews, the dean in charge of first-year students called me into her office to chastise me. As I understood it, I stood accused of racism for protesting racism. Subsequently, the dean appointed a student committee to oversee my counseling. The last name of the undergraduate who headed the committee was Kafka, proof that God, or possibly the dean of first-year students, had a wicked sense of humor.

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Political conservatism often leads to religious tradition. We

live today in a world stripped of what was, in the pre-modern era, an instinctive awareness of the sacred. Thanks to Darwin and other influences, from the mid-nineteenth century on, the truth of religion could no longer universally be taken for granted. My own emerging conservatism at Brown drove me to reexamine my inherited faith. I took my search to the Brown Hillel. At this Jewish gathering place, which was then housed in a barn-like white building on Brown Street, students of various denominations would gather. It was a sweet, humble, welcoming place without pretensions. Its emphasis was less on religion than on culture. I was brought there at first by, of all



David Klinghoffer was often vilified on campus for his polemic columns in the *Brown Daily Herald*. When prohibited from attending a meeting between Third World students and President Howard Swearer, he railed in the newspaper against antiwhite racism (near left). His conservative columns earned him a job at William F. Buckley Jr.'s *National Review* after graduation.

people, the object of my unrequited infatuation: Tamara.

Most people whose college experience changed their lives will tell you that their fellow students had the profoundest effect on them. That's what happened to me. Raised secular Jewish in Texas, Tamara had as a high school student lived for a year in England, where she'd fallen in love with a boy who was an Orthodox Jew. This led to a wild crush on both him and on traditional Judaism. As a result, she'd become an Orthodox Jew and exchanged her English name for the Hebrew Tamara.

To me there was something irresistibly exotic about Tamara. Here was a girl who addressed groups as "y'all" and scorned the liberal Judaism we had both grown up in. Yet politically she was left-wing, and she enjoyed shocking me with her opinions. Bisexuality was a favorite theme of hers. In this, she had been influenced by her study of "theory," which made a big fuss of romanticizing unconventional sexual practices. I remember once pointing out to her over lunch at Hillel that, in the book of Leviticus, homosexuality is prohibited as an abomination. She was so offended by this that she rushed out of the building in tears.

I was charmed by the contradictions she encompassed, no less than by her adorable freckles. We would be sitting in Loui's, the surrounding air thickened by fumes of stuff frying in lard, with her latest incomprehensible semiotics paper about some dead Frenchman between us. While I joked about how impossible I found it to understand the jargon-heavy writing that was considered the norm in her classes, she would delightedly sneer at the non-kosher food in front of me. "Even the coffee here is *trefe* [non-kosher]," she would say.

It was partly my envy of her commitment and partly a simple desire to have an excuse to spend time with her that motivated me to try out Orthodox Judaism. I started attending religious services at Hillel. There, I perceived that the Orthodox prayer group, or *minyan*, had something in its loud-spirited worship that I hadn't come across before. A friend of mine who is an art critic once told me that he first came to appreciate the most austere abstract painting when he was visiting a gallery that had some highly praised but in fact mediocre specimens on the wall. By chance in his pocket he had a postcard with a Jackson Pollock painting on the front. He held the postcard up beside the painting on the wall, and the difference immediately struck him. The Pollock had a "buzz" to it, he said, a buzz of crackling energy and life.

Orthodox prayer buzzed. When Tamara and her friends sang the sixteenth-century mystical hymn "*L'chah Dodi*"

("Come, My Beloved"), welcoming the Sabbath on Friday night, the urgency of their singing was that of the bridegroom running to meet his bride, which is exactly the symbolism that the hymn was written to evoke. This was nothing like the staid, dutiful singing at the Reform temple where I had grown up, which recalled not the excitement of the bridegroom but the boredom of grade-school kids reciting a multiplication table. Tamara and her friends stirred something in me spiritually that previously had lain asleep.

My attraction to Tamara led me to take first halting steps toward rethinking my assumptions about what makes for religion that lives, or buzzes, and religion that seems already dead. The Bible, I've since realized, has a precedent for everything that's really interesting in life and this is no exception. My discovery of my Jewish religious roots, however, raised disturbing questions about my personal identity, questions that would drive me to further rethink basic questions about faith, questions that Tamara, true to form, didn't hesitate to boldly, even rudely, articulate.

"You're not even Jewish," she sneered at me in her arch, teasing way. And she was right, strictly speaking. Though I had been raised in an ethnically Jewish home, I had been adopted as

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an infant, and my birth parents were non-Jews. Tamara advised me to visit a local Orthodox rabbi for advice on the question of my converting formally to Judaism.

When I went to visit the rabbi, he gave me a book to read but little other encouragement. Conversion in Jewish thinking is not a light matter, and I'm sure he could see that I was not ready to make any radical changes in my way of life, the kind that Judaism asks. That would come later.

What was important for me was the irritant that Tamara had planted in my soul, the question about myself—was I a Jew or not?—that stayed with me until I finally resolved it years later. At Brown, though, Tamara suggested that since I was staying in Providence for Passover—she would be out of town—I should

Tough Love

Eric Rodriguez '08 grew up avoiding
gangs and drugs in Los Angeles.

As a young man, **he served in Iraq.**

How he ended up at Brown **is a story**

**of luck, determination, and an
unconventional kind of smarts.**

BY LAWRENCE GOODMAN

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The turning point in his life, Eric Rodriguez says, came after he was arrested. The police had picked him up at school in

Fresno, California, and charged the fourteen-year-old with possessing graffiti paraphernalia. He was taken to Fresno County Juvenile Hall—"a scary-ass place" is how Rodriguez '08 remembers it. Many of his fellow prisoners in the processing unit were drug dealers and gang members. He knew some of these kids from school and he'd always made it a point to stay clear of them. And now here he was among them. "Am I also becoming a criminal?" Rodriguez asked himself.

He was released twenty-four hours later into the custody of his mother, Marisela Laursen. She had been raising her son alone for the past twelve years—ever since his father left when the boy was two. Rodriguez told his mother what she would later learn was true—that he'd been falsely arrested—but she didn't believe him that day. He expected her to give him a good chewing out or to smack him. Instead, she was silent.

"Say something," he pleaded as they stood on a corner waiting for a bus to take them home.

"I'm losing hope for you," his mother said.

As he remembers the incident today, Rodriguez says it was a troubling statement for a boy to absorb. "When I heard that," he says, "I knew I wanted to change." He left Fresno for metropolitan Los Angeles, where his mother had a friend in Santa Fe Springs in the southeastern corner of L.A. county. The plan was for him to stay with her for the summer. This would allow him to get away from the friends and relatives who were slipping into the world of drugs and gangs. Several of his cousins had already run afoul of the law; according to Rodriguez, one would later be arrested for armed robbery. "Everybody thought I was crazy to let him go," his mother says. "The only thing I used to say is 'I trust my son. I think he's going to make it.'"

Rodriguez arrived in Santa Fe Springs carrying a large garbage bag full of clothes and a few other possessions. At first life was normal in this friend's house. Once the summer had passed, he decided not to return to Fresno. But the woman and her husband began fighting all the time, yelling and slamming doors. Rodriguez tried to stay clear of their angry outbursts, but they started blaming their lack of money

on the expense of having him living in their house. Then one night, about a year and a half after Rodriguez had first moved in, the husband put a crumpled ball of paper in front of his face and opened it. Inside was cocaine.

"He was really emotional and just started confessing all these things to me," Rodriguez says. "He said all the problems he was having with his wife were happening because of his cocaine problem." Rodriguez again felt trapped. This was not the sanctuary he and his mother had hoped it would be. "It ended up being more of the same," he says. He felt he couldn't go back to Fresno. He was desperate to escape that world. Rodriguez moved out and started crashing with friends nearby. He did not, though, tell his mother. "He used to tell me everything was fine," she says. "He kind of wanted to protect me." When she went to visit him, they typically met at strip malls, taco stands, and fast-food restaurants. She suspected nothing, she says.

Rodriguez is a likable guy, very social and outgoing, generous and sincere. His friends readily took him in, Rodriguez says, though fearful of overstaying his welcome, he never stayed in one place for more than a few days. He slept on couches or floors, showered only a few times a week, and kept all his possessions in a gym bag—a few changes of clothes, toothbrush and toothpaste, and his school books. On a few occasions, unable to find a friend to take him in, he slept in his high school's cafeteria. He would stay late for a drama club meeting and never leave. He says no one noticed.

Rodriguez stayed in school by having a friend's mother sign as his guardian. He worked as a security guard at a Jack in the Box fast-food restaurant. He had no training, but it paid much better than bagging groceries or flipping burgers. His shift ran from nine in the evening to three the next morning. "I would do my homework at the Jack in the Box," he recalls, "and pray to God nobody robbed the place."

Toward the end of his sophomore year, he saw a posting for a three-week-long summer class in architecture at the University of Southern California (USC). Because he liked to draw and sketch, he inquired about the class. USC offered him a \$1,500 scholarship to attend, but that still left him \$600



Rodriguez has had to work hard to keep up at Brown since he was never taught many of the skills his classmates learned in high school.

short. He went down to Santa Fe Springs City Hall and asked if the city might give him the money. Not surprisingly, a receptionist told him no. She told him to ask his school for the money. He did so, but was turned down. He returned to city hall, where his predicament had by now drawn the attention of city officials. One day, while Rodriguez was at city hall pleading his case, the mayor, Betty Putnam, walked by.

school in the fall, his grades shot up. He enrolled in several honors and advanced-placement classes. His senior-year project was a report on the American bald eagle. This time, Putnam gave him money out of her own pocket so he could travel to a bird sanctuary in Alaska and observe the eagles firsthand. The project earned him high honors. When he graduated in 2001, his classmates voted him Most Likely to

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When he told her why he was there, she invited him into her office. "I told her," Rodriguez recalls, "that if the city really wanted to help its students, this was its shot." A few weeks later, the city council voted to give him the money.

The class was a revelation. It wasn't so much what Rodriguez was being taught. He was in an entirely new world. He was in a university, sitting among hardworking and occasionally wealthy students, and to his surprise, he found he was just as smart as they were.

"I felt a huge sense of empowerment," Rodriguez says. "I realized I really could do it." When he returned to high

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A few months later, after watching the terrorist attacks of 9/11, he turned his attention to the military. Not only did he feel the need to join the fight against terror; he believed the military could give him what his upbringing had denied him. "I lacked the amount of discipline required to do good in school and life," Rodriguez later wrote in his admission essay to Brown. "I hoped that the military would help me gain enough self discipline in order to prosper."

There was another factor, he says. He felt he needed to prove his family's commitment to the United States. His mother had arrived in the country from Mexico and his father from



Rodriguez holds up a picture of the soldiers he served with in Iraq. He joined the military, he says, to learn self-discipline.

Cuba; Rodriguez says his seventh grade teacher told him, "You're Mexican. You're not really American."

"I thought if I joined the army," Rodriguez says, "I could go and do service to the country and no one would ever, ever question my family's integrity. I'd make it clear I was willing to give up my life for this country."

He never expected to wind up in Iraq. But he arrived there as a U.S. Army reservist in 2003, when the war was still young. Iraqis were friendly, but amenities for the troops were nonexistent. "There was nothing," Rodriguez recalls. "No showers, no bathrooms. You had to burn and bury your own feces." He and his platoon slept out in the open air under the bleachers of a soccer stadium in Balad, about fifty miles north of Baghdad. It was still possible to move freely among Iraqis, and Rodriguez helped build schools and distribute equipment for basic hygiene and medicine—toothbrushes, Band-Aids, and antibiotics. As the Iraqi resistance grew, he moved into intelligence, building relationships with citizens in the hopes that they would tip him off to the rebels' whereabouts.

Once, Rodriguez was driving a Humvee when one of the soldiers spotted a few stray pieces of metal on the ground. The soldiers realized they were in the middle of a minefield. A few got out and guided Rodriguez and the rest of the convoy ever so slowly to safety. In his Brown admission essay, Rodriguez later wrote of the incident:

My life did not seem to flash before my eyes, instead it actually passed by quite slowly. That afternoon, I reminisced about various images and memories that I hold very dear: my mother holding my hand on the RTD—also known as the Metro Bus—when I was a boy, my sister teaching me how to make pancakes that we would always end up eating raw, my little niece saying "my uncle is silly," my friends laughing when I slid across the ice rink on my stomach, the girl that said she loved me and left me, the girl I said I loved and left, the people that said I was going to change the world, the people that gave me the world because they believed that I could change, and lastly, how much I did not want to go and how much I begged God not to take me right then and there.

Being in Iraq put everything in perspective, Rodriguez says—"I knew what I wanted. I wanted to succeed academically. I wanted to go to a four-year university. Nothing was going to stop me."

He returned to the United States in mid-2004 and visited his mother in Fresno. There was a man in her apartment he didn't recognize.

"Who's that?" Rodriguez asked.

"That's your father," his mother answered.

"I didn't know him," says Rodriguez. "I didn't want to get to know him."

But his mother, who was then in her early forties, felt differently. She had decided to live with him again. "I want you to know where you came from and to know your father," she told Rodriguez. "Yes, he's made a lot of mistakes but everyone is entitled to forgiveness."

A few days later, Rodriguez tried to give his father a hug. His father shoved him away. "It reinforced the idea that he didn't want me," Rodriguez says. "He rejected me at birth. Now he was rejecting me again."

Rodriguez's sole focus was his education. He started by applying to Rio Hondo Community College in Whittier, California, just south of Los Angeles. He was accepted and decided to major in liberal arts. While Rodriguez was in Iraq, his platoon had received a shipment of school supplies bought for Iraqi kids by students at Pepperdine University back in California. The students had raised \$10,000, and Rodriguez had been one of the soldiers charged with distributing this gift.

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He was also given the task of presenting the students with a certificate of appreciation after he returned to Los Angeles.

At Pepperdine, Rodriguez met Dan Caldwell, a professor of political science and a Vietnam-era veteran. Rodriguez told Caldwell about his desire to go to a four-year college, and Caldwell offered his assistance and guidance. "I feel," Caldwell says, "a responsibility and a desire to help veterans who served in very difficult circumstances."

Rodriguez asked Caldwell about the possibility of applying to Ivy League schools. "It's worth a shot," Caldwell recalls telling him. In the early 1980s, Caldwell had been an associate director of Brown's Center for Foreign Policy Development, which later became the Watson Institute for International Studies. He wrote Rodriguez a glowing recommendation to Brown.

When his acceptance letter arrived, Rodriguez says, "I was so overwhelmed emotionally. To go through all this struggle and hardship and then there is this sign that says, 'You're in. You're one of us. Welcome to the community'—it was the greatest feeling ever."

Rodriguez arrived at Brown in the fall of 2006. A few months later, he was walking around the Brown campus when he spotted President Ruth Simmons walking the other way. He has no qualms about approaching well-known strangers, so he crossed over and started up a conversation. Rodriguez told Simmons a little bit about his background. Simmons, who had also struggled with poverty as a child, invited him to an upcoming dinner at her residence on Power Street. Salman Rushdie would be there.

Rodriguez says Rushdie talked to him about death. Rodriguez says he told the Indian-born author about his experiences in Iraq and Rushdie responded by reflecting on what it was like to live under the death threat issued against him by Iran. "Death gives you so much clarity," Rodriguez says Rushdie told him. "It's different when death isn't this abstract concept, but right there for you." A few months later Rodriguez went to another dinner at Simmons's home. This time the guests were the former presidents of Brazil and Chile.

Still, Brown has not been easy for Rodriguez, who is scheduled to graduate in May with a degree in international relations. He has had to learn some of the writing and research skills his classmates learned in high school. His mother, who hadn't heard of Brown before her son got

in—she has yet to visit campus—was surprised to learn that many Brown students are wealthy. "Oh, I hope he doesn't feel uncomfortable around them," she said. Rodriguez says she has nothing to worry about. He has found Brown to be a welcoming place.

Rodriguez is still not sure what he will do after graduating this spring. He plans to work for several years in government—at what level and for whom he doesn't know yet—and then would like to go to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government to study public policy. "A few years ago I would never have thought of Harvard or even Brown," he says. "But now I do. I'm aiming higher." **B**

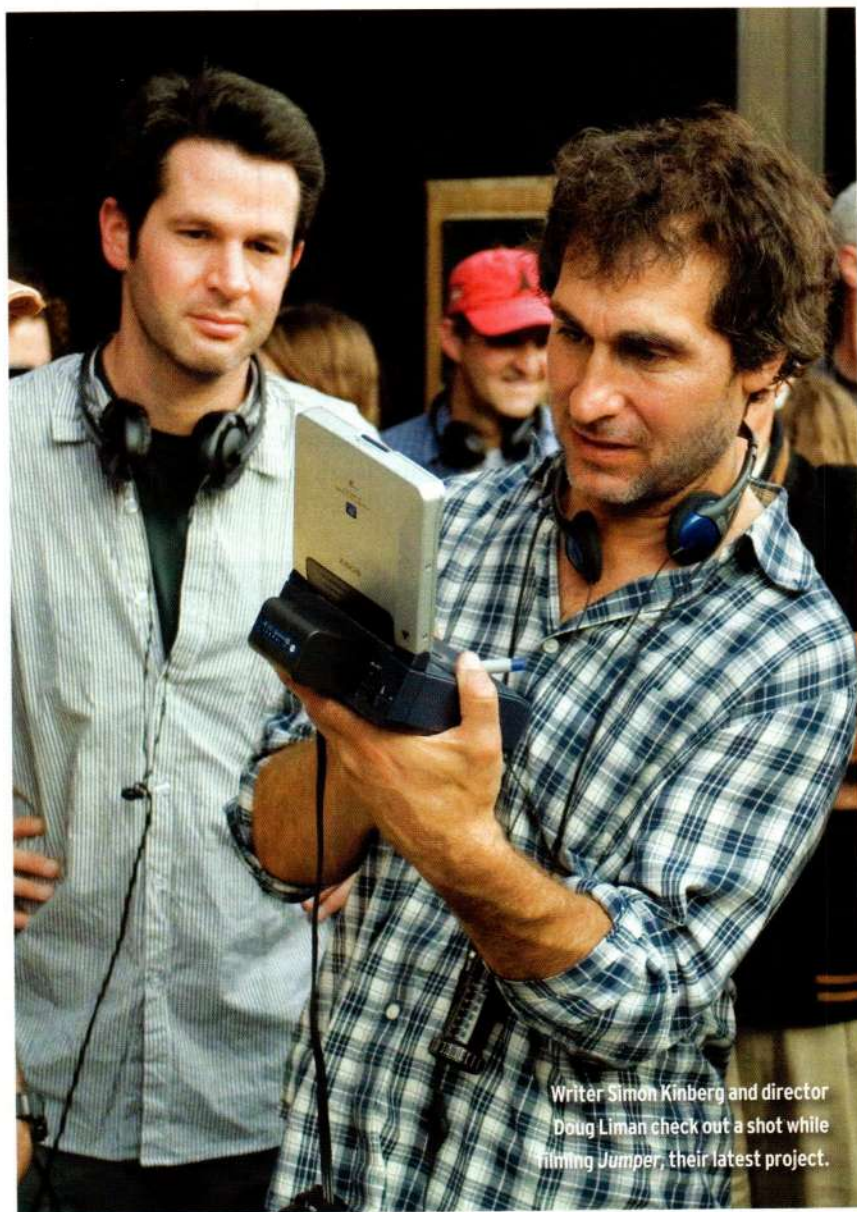
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Deconstructing a Genre

Jumper, a collaboration by Doug Liman '88 and Simon Kinberg '95, adopts sci-fi formulas only to turn them on their heads. BY HUGH HART



Writer Simon Kinberg and director Doug Liman check out a shot while filming *Jumper*, their latest project.

[MOVIE] DIRECTOR DOUG LIMAN thrives on chaos. He's notorious for reshooting, recasting, and rewriting on the fly—and for infuriating his backers in the process. So now, lolling on a couch in a 20th Century Fox editing suite, he's worried. He's putting the final touches on his new thriller, *Jumper* (which opens February 15), and the studio execs are happy. Nobody's out to kill him for running over budget or missing deadlines. "Does that mean I'm selling out?" Liman wonders.

There's a reason Hollywood executives are cutting Liman slack these days: His 2002 movie, *The Bourne Identity*, grossed \$214 million. He followed that with the 2005 Brad Pitt-Angelina Jolie hit, *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, which has earned \$478 million worldwide.

Sitting next to Liman in the editing studio is Simon Kinberg, who wrote *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* and is a writer-producer on *Jumper*. "Doug creates this all-hands-on-deck environment where the best idea wins, whether it comes from an assistant, an actor, the writer, a producer," Kinberg says. "If a better idea shows up a week later, we'll re-shoot that scene." While the flux is "maddening for people who want a stable movie set," Kinberg says, "We thrive on pressure and urgency. It gives us a certain focus and strange calmness." Kinberg says he does his best work in "the open, chaotic, crazy environment that Doug creates."

Based on a young-adult sci-fi novel by Stephen Gould, *Jumper* stars Hayden Christensen as a teleporting Everyman who conceals his superpowers from his girlfriend (Rachel Bilson), while being pursued by a mysterious "Paladin" (Samuel L. Jackson). It was filmed in London, Tokyo, Egypt, Rome, Paris, Prague, New York, and Toronto.

"Comic-book movies like *Spider-Man* have a pretty specific formula," Liman says. "Somebody's determined to destroy the world, and the hero has to stop them. At some point the villain grabs the love interest of the hero, and there's your third act. We don't have that. In our movie the main conflict is never explained."

Kinberg adds, "We're deconstructing a genre that usually presents this black-and-white universe of good guys who have the superpowers, and bad guys who are trying to kill them. In *Jumper*, as soon as you start to feel comfortable with that moral paradigm, we unravel it."

Both filmmakers studied semiotics at Brown, and they enjoy layering their popcorn movies with subtexts. "We respond to genre films that are actually metaphors for something else," Kinberg says. "Instead of making a literal movie about ordinary people with a bad marriage, suddenly they have guns in their hands and you have *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*. *Jumper* is about somebody who's running away from his problems and his past. By giving him this superpower we basically just explode that onto a larger stage."

Furthermore, Liman says, he wanted *Jumper* to reflect the "ambiguity of conflicts in the Middle East. Our minds were occupied with that when we were working on the script. If I were Iraqi, I don't know if I'd think of the Americans as liberators or as occupiers. I don't really know why the Sunnis and Shiites are fighting."

Kinberg chimes in: "Your average person on a Friday night probably will not be thinking Middle East when they watch *Jumper* at the multiplex, but then, no one thought Iran Contra when they saw *Bourne Identity*."

Liman completes his friend's thought: "Hopefully *Jumper* will feel honest and relevant and people won't even know why. It will just be: 'Oh, this movie's sort of cool and it feels real.'"

Contributing editor HUGH HART reports on the entertainment industry in Hollywood.



[MOVIE] Craving a little baby-boomer black humor in the dark days of winter? Check out **Laura Linney '86** in *The Savages*, which director Tamara Jenkins calls "a coming-of-middle-age story." Linney and costar Philip Seymour Hoffman play siblings Wendy and Jon Savage, forced out of Peter Pan-esque arrested development when their nasty father tips into dementia. Wendy is a struggling playwright surviving on temp jobs while having an affair with her married neighbor—"though she has more affection for his dog," wrote *Rolling Stone*'s Peter Travers. Jon, meanwhile, is a Brecht scholar who can't or won't commit to marrying his Polish girlfriend, even when her visa's about to expire. Travers calls *The Savages* "a twisted, bittersweet pleasure," while *Newsweek*'s David Ansen proclaims it an "X-ray of American family dynamics any son or daughter can take to heart."

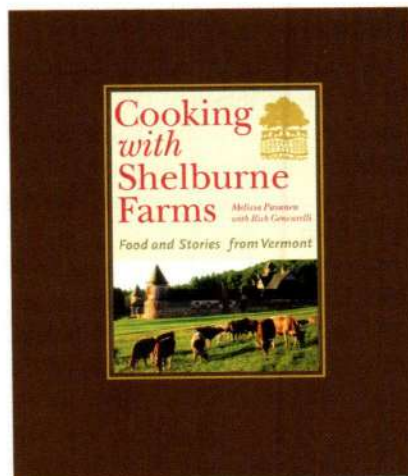
CRITIC'S CORNER

Beyond Apple Pie

Vermont's bounty inspires fine cooking and reading. BY SHARON TREGASKIS

[COOKBOOK] STANDING AT THE GRANITE COUNTERTOP in her Shelburne, Vermont, kitchen and picking star anise from two trays of baked apples, Melissa Pasanen '86 is the first to acknowledge that not everyone slavishly follows a recipe.

"You're supposed to put the anise in cheesecloth, because it disintegrates in the oven," she sheepishly admits, fingertips covered in warm apple. She should know. She hired the testers who vetted the recipe for oven-roasted apple butter, as well as the other 100-plus recipes in *Cooking with Shelburne Farms: Food and Stories from Vermont*. The *New York Times Book Review* named it one of 2007's notable cookbooks. Pasanen collaborated with award-winning Shelburne



Inn chef Rick Gencarelli to develop and write the recipes. She coordinated the book's photography and wrote the profiles of Vermont farmers, foragers, cheesemakers, and other artisans that accompany each section in the book.

Chief food writer at the *Burlington Free Press*, Pasanen also reports for *Eating Well* and *The Art of Eating*. The former Pepperidge Farm ad rep got her start writing when she was hospitalized to stave off labor before the premature birth of her younger son. The food was terrible and the drugs made it impossible to do much besides watch television. Four weeks of the Food Channel inspired an essay for *Salon's* "Mothers Who Think" column.

Pasanen's childhood included stints in London and Seattle, and at Brown she concentrated in international relations. Unsurprisingly, she has used her newspaper beat—covering Vermont's food from farm to plate—to cultivate understanding among the region's various cultures. "Food is a great way to open

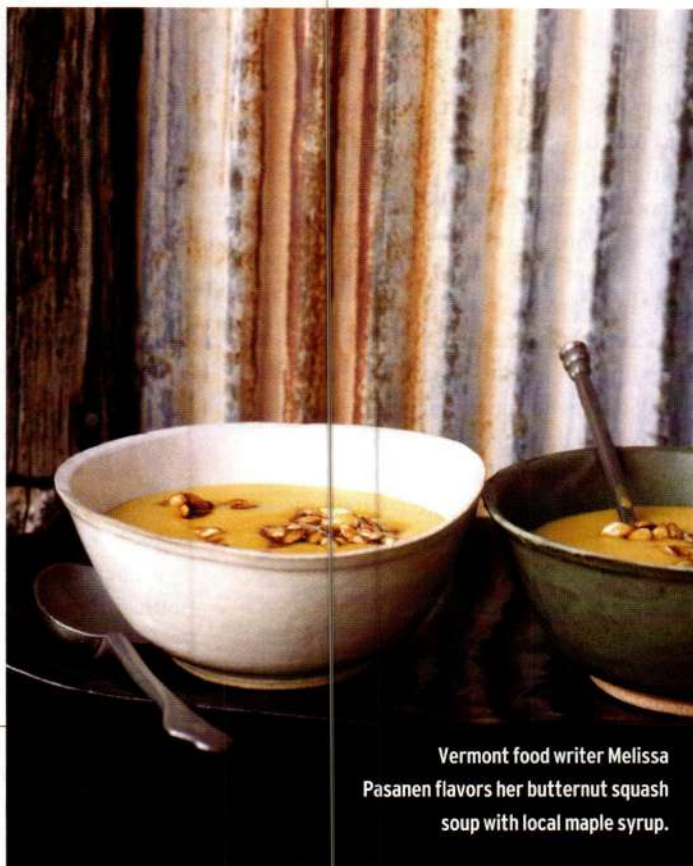
Maple-Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

SERVES 4–6

- 1 medium butternut squash (about 3 pounds)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup, Grade B for strongest flavor
- 1½ teaspoons coarse kosher salt plus more to taste
- 2 tablespoons crème fraîche or heavy cream
- 2–3 cups vegetable or chicken stock, preferably low sodium
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup whisked into ¼ cup crème fraîche for garnish, as desired

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Cut the squash lengthwise down the middle. Scoop out the seeds and discard.
2. Place the squash, flesh side up, in a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Put a tablespoon of butter and a tablespoon of maple syrup in each cavity. Sprinkle each half with ¼ teaspoon of the salt. Cover the pan with foil. Bake for about 1½ hours or until the squash is very soft. Cool just until the squash can be handled.
3. Carefully pour any liquid from the squash cavities into the bowl of a food processor fitted with the metal blade, or a blender, and then scoop all the flesh into the food processor. Add the remaining tablespoon of butter, remaining tablespoon of maple syrup, remaining teaspoon of salt, and the crème fraîche. Puree until completely smooth.
4. Transfer the puree to a medium saucepan, whisk in about 2 cups stock to start, and heat through over medium heat. Thin with additional stock and adjust seasoning to taste. Swirl 1 tablespoon of maple crème fraîche into each bowl of soup and serve.

Adapted from Cooking with Shelburne Farms: Food and Stories from Vermont © Melissa Pasanen and Rick Gencarelli.



Vermont food writer Melissa Pasanen flavors her butternut squash soup with local maple syrup.

ears and eyes and hearts," she says. She has explored the culinary traditions of Burlington's Somali, Tibetan, and Bosnian refugees, as well as the region's Italian, Jewish, and Syrian immigrants. Her cookbook turns that same eye on foods grown and created in Vermont.

It's nearly impossible to live in the Champlain Valley and never visit the 1,400-acre Shelburne Farms, which in addition to being an inn and a restaurant, is a national historic landmark, a working farm, and an environmental education center. When Pasanen first visited in the late 1990s with her older son, she discovered the now-beloved recipe that opens the chapter on milk and cheese: home-churned butter.

"The whole book gives a sense of place to the food," says Pasanen, who seems to delight in pointing out sites on the farm where an ingredient originated or a dish was photographed. "It's the magic of understanding where your food comes from."

SHARON TREGASKIS writes about food and farming in Ithaca, New York.

Trading Fast Tracks

David M. Gross's career speeds into control.

BY MIA GEIGER



A DECADE AGO DAVID M. GROSS '89 sported finely tailored suits as befitted someone working on megamillion-dollar mergers and acquisitions for a New York City law firm. Today he eyes motorcycle parts while walking around a factory in Bologna, Italy, wearing sneakers—albeit custom-made turquoise-and-tan Nike Airs with his name appliquéd on the sides. He describes his transformation from hotshot lawyer to hotshot creative director of the Ducati Motor company in *Fast Company: A Memoir of Life, Love, and Motorcycles in Italy*, just out in paperback.

BAM What's a nice Jewish boy from Long Island doing riding motorcycles in Italy?

David Gross Trying to be a rebel to the extent possible. Heh.

BAM Why did you leave the New York financial world?

DG I really enjoyed law school—I had an incredible experience at Brown and at Harvard Law School—and I enjoyed certain aspects of the firm, but being inside, being in one place, was very difficult for me. In another era of New York lawyers, it was easier to do community things, to have a hobby, have family, and do your career. During the time I was a lawyer it was all about working; I was working days, nights, weekends.

BAM How is working at Ducati better?

DG Now I spend a hell of a lot of time in the factory; but, because of the racing arm of the company, we have races all around the world. It doesn't feel like an office job. It feels like a very creative place.

BAM How's life in Italy?

DG My Italy is not the pastoral Italy of *Under the Tuscan Sun*. I'm in the gritty, industrial, hard-working part of Italy. It's all about speed and glamour, but it's also working in a factory with 1,000 people.

BAM Have you always liked motorcycles?

DG I'd always dreamed of becoming a biker. I had fooled around on motorcycles and dirt bikes when I was a kid, but it was very much in the realm of fantasy. Being a lawyer for me was claustrophobic. Being in the open air and on the open road was unbelievably frightening and exciting and felt like a challenge.

BAM What's your work like?

DG Italy allowed me to do something different, to do something in business and also be creative. It's competitive, but there's time to explore things. I teach. I lecture. It's given me that opportunity.



Former New York lawyer David Gross has written a motorcycle-studded memoir.

BAM How have you changed?

DG I feel like I have an appreciation of aesthetics, of moments of beauty. In Italy, in the hierarchy of values, there are different values at the top. I think the book plays with trying to find meaning in things that we might immediately consider superficial.

BAM Like what?

DG Walking across a piazza and looking a certain way, having a moment with a friend at the beach in the summertime, meeting your friends and laughing. Those are some of the most important moments of life here in Italy. It's a style of living, and I've been lucky to appreciate some of that.

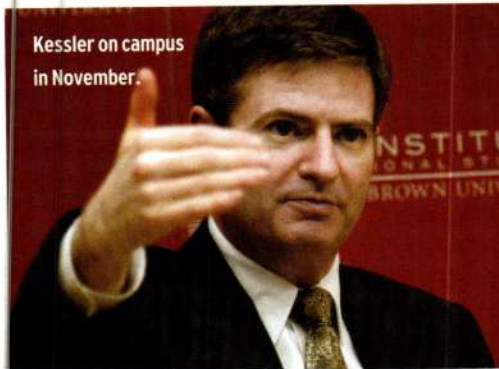
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CRITIC'S CORNER

Is Condoleezza Rice's staunch support of George W. Bush's foreign policy a matter of political opportunism or something else, asked Anthony Lewis in the *New York Times*. Reviewing *The Confidant* by Washington Post correspondent Glenn Kessler '81, Lewis found "an alter-

native explanation: her change could be religious in origin, a reaction to 9/11 by a person who is a Calvinist with 'a deeply religious, moralistic streak.'" The *Economist* was harsher on Rice: "Mr. Kessler pays due credit to Ms. Rice's intelligence and energy. But his clear conclusion is that most of the problems she has tried to solve have been beyond her. He is excoriating about the limits of what Ms. Rice's team calls 'practical idealism'; to Mr. Kessler the term is "nonsensical."

Kessler on campus in November.



Just Let Them Play!

A historian appraises the bicycle-helmet generation and their coddling parents.

INTERVIEW BY ED HARDY

CHILDREN AT PLAY, THE NEW BOOK by Howard Chudacoff, the George L. Littlefield Professor of American History, tracks the way children have played in the United States from the 1600s to today.

BAM You don't have kids. What about this subject hooked you?

Howard Chudacoff The real inspiration was a wonderful [1983] book I read by Robert Paul Smith, called *Where Did You Go? Out. What Did You Do? Nothing*. It showed how children protected their world, their own independence, from adults.

BAM Has that changed?

HC In the last thirty years or so, children have had less ability to carve out that world for themselves because they live in a far more structured environment. Children have had this kind of schizophrenic existence, where adults have always wanted to protect them and guide them, while at the same time kids are kids, and they want to do things in their own way.

BAM When did play become so structured?

HC Certainly from the early 1970s onward, with the expansion of organized play. You had Little League and you had ballet lessons and all this kind of stuff much earlier, but by the late twentieth century, middle-class parents and upper-class parents had a greater obsession with trying to enrich their children's lives with adult-imposed structures.

BAM You've called the time between 1900 and 1950 "the golden age of play." What was so special about it?

HC There were still vacant lots, city streets, fields and forests, but also there were far more things to play with. Kids had Lincoln Logs and Tinkertoys and board games that they could play with in a certain kind of way, but they could also improvise—as opposed to the electronic toys of the late twentieth century that either had a backstory that could constrain the play or were configured so you could

only play by the rules of the toy manufacturer.

BAM In your book you write that the whole idea of play has really narrowed over time. How did that happen?

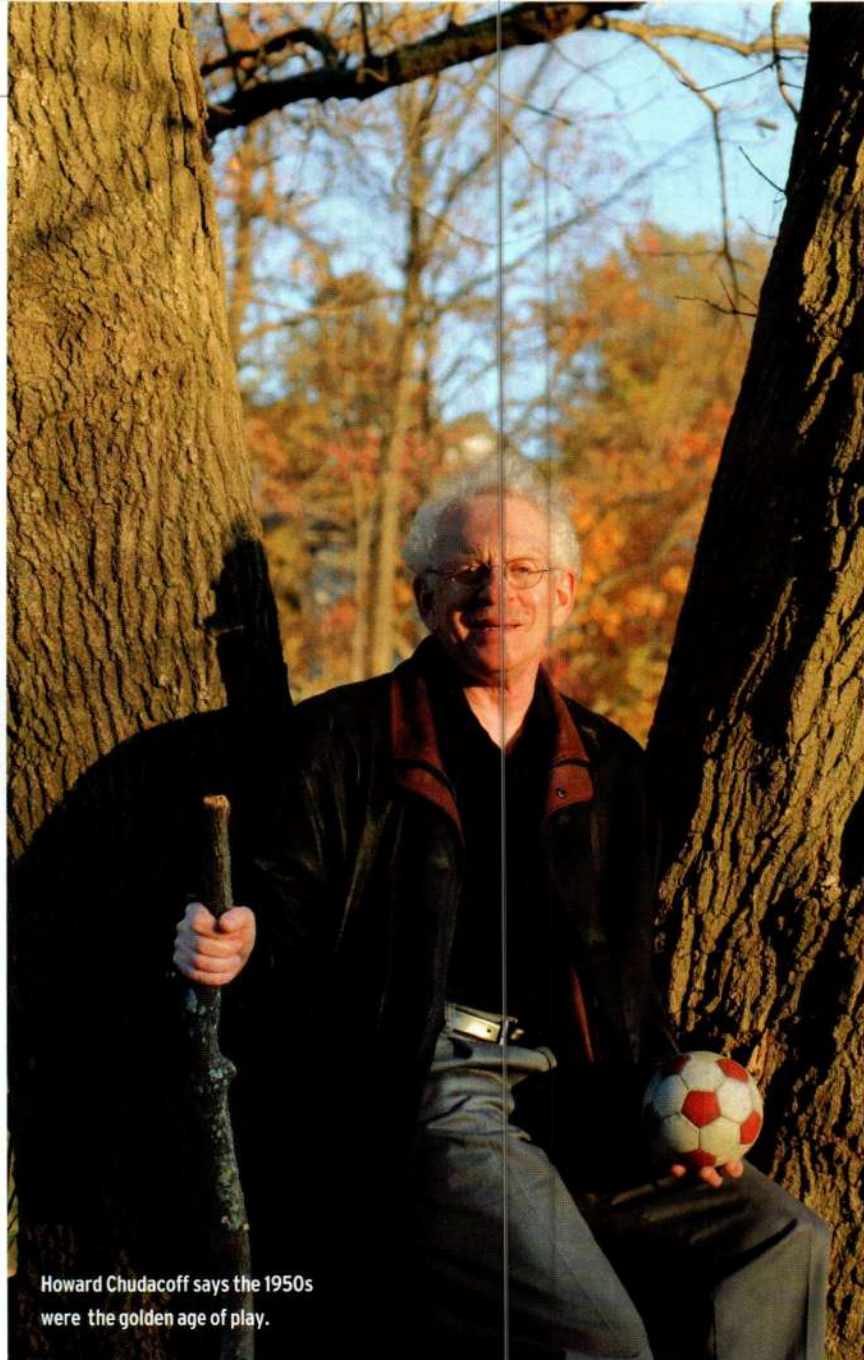
HC In many ways. If you just look at things like sports, we really have focused on them in a way that has become work rather than play. Another way is that all socioeconomic groups—especially lower-income groups—have to protect children by having them sit in front of the television set, rather than letting them go out on the streets. So parents tolerate TV watching or playing with an Xbox as a means of keeping the kids occupied and safe.

BAM It also means that kids spend more time indoors.

HC That seems to be a special consequence of it. There's less group play now than there was in that golden age.

BAM What in this really surprised you?

HC In reading children's diaries what fascinated me was both



Howard Chudacoff says the 1950s were the golden age of play.



the creativity and the mischievousness of children. I guess it was the daring walking along the top of the fence where they might fall off and break their arms. The secret play spaces they created in barns and in woods and in vacant lots. It was just heartening to see.

BAM Now those spaces often aren't there.

HC When adults ask me, "What has been one of the biggest changes that has happened in children's play since you were a kid?" I say, "Well, when you were growing up, what color was your bicycle helmet?" And the response is: "I didn't have a bicycle helmet." We are kind of obsessed with child safety, and that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be, but there's a difference between risk and hazard. Hazards we don't want, risk can be useful.

ED HARDY teaches nonfiction writing at Brown. His most recent novel is *Keeper and Kid*.

The World According to Sebby Lane

A haunting debut novel about perception, memory, and the arc of grief.

REVIEWED BY ED HARDY

[FICTION] *Up High in the Trees* by Kiara Brinkman '01 (Grove/Atlantic).

UP HIGH IN THE TREES, BY KIARA BRINKMAN, is a debut novel of exquisite, resonating moments strung together by the voice of its impressively imagined eight-year-old narrator.

At the start it's been five months since Sebby Lane's mother was hit and killed by a car while out running one night. Sebby lives in Massachusetts with his music-professor father and an older brother and sister. Sebby also has Asperger's syndrome. His clothes have to be piled correctly or he won't put them on; he sometimes thinks in lists; and people are always calling out "Earth to Sebby."

In lyrical snapshot chapters, some less than half a page long, the story flickers between Sebby's rich memories of his mom and the dark motherless present, where the family tries to cling to routines and find a path

through the space left by her death.

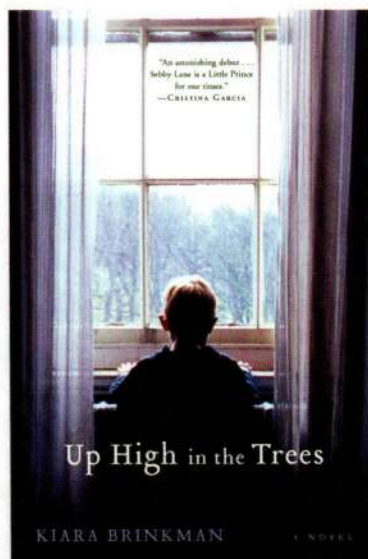
This of course doesn't work, and as Sebby's frustration escalates he can no longer contain it by merely hiding under the sink. He bites a classmate and has to leave school. Sebby's father decides that the older children will be fine at home and takes Sebby to live at the family's ocean-side summer-

house. But once there, the father slides into his own even wider depression, leaving Sebby more or less on his own to swim through memories and try to patch together all that has happened to him.

But Sebby turns out to be surprisingly resilient. And eventually, through letters to a teacher at home and a friendship with two neighboring children, he finds his way.

In less sure hands this story could quickly slide into a sentimental sinkhole. But here that doesn't happen, mainly because of the spare, ringing sound of Sebby's voice. To Sebby the books in

the library smell "peppery," and a hiding spot in the closet has "the cold-air smell of winter coats." To a reader it feels like entering an unfamiliar room and then seeing the world outside through a very different window. Which in the end makes this much less a book about a narrator with Asperger's and more about perception and memory and the arc of grief. It's a haunting accomplishment.



ALUMNI FICTION *When the Ground Turns in Its Sleep* by Sylvia Sellers-García '98 (*Riverhead*). *Four Wives* by Wendy Walker '79 (*St. Martin's*).

ALUMNI NONFICTION *Hope Matters: The Untold Story of How Faith Works in America* by John A. Calhoun '62 (*Bartleby*). *The Altruistic Species: Scientific, Philosophical, and Religious Perspectives on Human Benevolence* by Andrew Michael Flescher '00 and Daniel L. Worthen (*Templeton Foundation*). *Babies by Design: The Ethics of Genetic Choice* by Ronald M. Green '64 (*Yale*). *Empathy and the Novel* by Suzanne Keen '84, '86

AM (*Oxford*). *New York Look Book: A Gallery of Street Fashion* by Amy Larocca '97 and Jake Chessum (*Melcher*). *American Inquisition: The Hunt for Japanese American Disloyalty in World War II* by Eric L. Muller '84 (*Chapel Hill*). *Waiting for America: A Story of Emigration* by Maxim Shrayer '89 (*Syracuse*).

FACULTY NONFICTION *The Uses of Paradox: Religion, Self-Transformation, and the Absurd* by Matthew Bagger (*Columbia*). *The Cambridge Guide to American Theatre* by Don B. Wilmeth (*Cambridge*). *Making the Connection between Brain and Behavior, in Parkinson's Disease* by Joseph H. Friedman (*Demos*). **B**

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All Hail Caesar!

In 1908, Brunonians gathered behind Sayles Hall to celebrate the erection of the Marcus Aurelius statue. Aurelius, a Roman emperor and an avowed Stoic, might have been taken aback by this outpouring of emotion for his likeness.

1933

William James writes: "I haven't been at Brown for years; consequently, the *Brown Alumni Magazine* is always read with great interest. My 97th birthday was celebrated last summer while I was in Maine. I am listed in *Who's Who in the World*. The years have gone

rapidly. There is still much to try to do. My father graduated from Brown in 1907. My mother graduated from Brown in 1909."

1935

Natalie Basford Fancher and **Brainard Fancher** can be reached at 227 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

1939

William Hogan Jr. writes: "Just passed my 90th, but I have been on the binnacle list for the past year. Guess those career navy days are catching up! It's fascinating to watch the side shows on Capitol Hill after retiring

from my twenty-one years as staff counsel in Congress! Much of this drama is available only inside the Beltway, where we still live. As each day passes, my admiration for the founders grows!"

1941

Esta Whitman Bernstein (see **Marcella Bombardieri** '99).

Frederick H. Jackson (see **Isabel Jackson Freeman** '69).

1942

Class president **Bernie Bell** reports that because the annual fall class get-together and

ELLEN ANNABLE HILLS '42

Green Graveyard

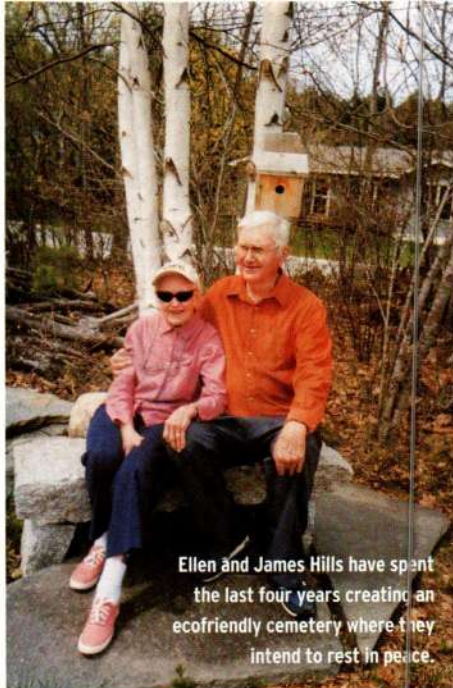
She wants her body to keep the land going.

ELLEN HILLS '42 HAS GIVEN A LOT OF THOUGHT to her death, not only to her will or to the various diseases that might kill her, but to exactly how she wants to be buried. "Just wrap me up in the quilt my grandmother sewed for me and put me in the ground," the 86-year-old central Maine resident says. "I want my body to become the soil."

This desire led Hills and her husband, James, on a four-year quest to create a "green" cemetery on a parcel of land that's been in her family since the late 1800s. Under the rules of the new cemetery, bodies must be buried without any embalming fluids and in biodegradable caskets. Corpses buried there will eventually decompose and become part of the earth.

According to the Centre for Natural Burial's Web site, six natural, environmentally friendly cemeteries have been established in the United States since the first one was created in 1998. Typically, bodies are refrigerated or kept on dry ice to ensure that they don't start to decompose before the public viewing. Caskets are made from pine or biodegradable cardboard. The only thing that marks each grave is a flat, small stone natural to the area.

Hills's proposed graveyard lies on a fourteen-acre plot along the Penobscot River in South Orrington, Maine, just south of Bangor. As a teenager, she camped there every summer in a one-room cabin that her father, Charles Walter Annable, built in 1936. He named the parcel "Rainbow's End" for a rainbow that suddenly



Ellen and James Hills have spent the last four years creating an ecofriendly cemetery where they intend to rest in peace.

appeared arched across the river in the wake of a violent thunderstorm. In a letter Annable wrote to his daughter in 1938, he said the land was "practically the same year after year" even though "life with its complex experiences moves on at such a pace that it destroys our belief in an unchanging reality." This small swath of forest and sloping plains, he added, offered the "illusion—or is it illusion?—of security and peace."

Hills says it's this sentiment that made her want to create a green cemetery. She says the cemetery will ensure that the land her family cherished for over a hundred years "will always remain exactly as it currently is."

In October, Hills, a retired nurse and schoolteacher, started a nonprofit corporation to manage the land after her death. Her goal is to sell about 100 five-by-ten-foot plots at \$750 apiece. According to Hills, the money will be enough to maintain the land in perpetuity.

As of late November, only one person besides Hills had signed up to be buried in the cemetery: her husband James, 85. Then a woman called. She wanted to bury her stillborn baby in the cemetery. Hills immediately assented. "It's been a lot of work," she says. "But absolutely it's been worth it."

—LAWRENCE GOODMAN

dinner conflicted with the annual Alumni Recognition Ceremony on campus October 13, the class was invited to join that dinner. **George Billings '72**, the president of the Association of Class Leaders, honored Bernie with the Nan Tracy Award, which is presented yearly to a class leader who has demonstrated exceptional service to his or her class.

In attendance at the dinner were Claire Bell, **Deborah Bell '71**, **Jonathan Bell '78** and guest, **Leonard Bellin** and Shirley Bellin, **Ann Plankenhorn Collins** and guest, **Richard Cook '48 AM**, **Dorothy Berger Friar**, **George** and **Anne Freeman Giraud**, **Hinda Pritsker Semonoff**, **Herman Sugarman**, and retired chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court **Joseph Weisberger** and Sylvia.

Among those who attended the Brown-Princeton game that day (which the Bears won, 33-24) but could not make the dinner were Susan and **Henry Mann**, Barbara Savignano, and Pound Ridge, N.Y., volunteer fireman **Herbert Iselin** and his wife, Lily.

There were also a good number of

notes, cards, and e-mails from **Ben Ballard**, **Florence Cox**, **John Keay**, **Charles Lloyd**, **Raymond Lynch**, **Barbara Kraft Newton**, **Harvey Spear**, **Stanley Taylor**, and **William Tukey**.

It's not too late to send class dues if you haven't.

1943

Edna Coogan Snow and **Jack Hess**, cochairs of our upcoming 65th reunion, hope the dates May 23-25, 2008, are marked on your calendar. The dual function of reunion and recognition of the graduating Class of 2008 will be the focus of the weekend, beginning with a reception on Friday, May 23, and winding up with the graduation procession on Sunday, May 25. Details will follow.

Ernest Colarullo writes: "Looking forward to the 65th reunion. Still hale and hearty at 87. I'm expecting a robust stock market in 2008 along with big changes in Washington,

D.C., which will still be too conservative, however. I see **Ann Plankenhorn Collins '42** and **David Lubrano '52** in downtown Hingham from time to time." Contact Ernest at 14 Mast Hill Rd., Hingham, Mass. 02043.

John and **Shirley Walling Mayhew '48** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary

"I'm expecting a robust stock market in 2008 along with big changes in Washington, D.C., which will still be too conservative, however."

in September at a party given by their three children: **John W. Mayhew III '71**, **Deborah June Mayhew '73**, and Sarah Lee Mayhew (UC Davis '84). Contact John and Shirley at 32 Look's Pond Way, PO Box 51, West Tisbury, Mass. 02575; swm@vineyard.net.

1944

Howard Krafstur writes he was president of Colliers International, which was created by a merger about twenty years ago and consists of leading real estate companies in each state and leading real estate companies in each country. He has done lots of public speaking here and overseas and received many awards in real estate over the years. Contact Howard at 36 Bridlewood Rd., Northbrook, Ill. 60062.

1945

Shirley Gallup writes: "I am disabled from severe spinal stenosis but have a motorized wheelchair. I can't attend reunions now, but enjoy reading." Contact her at 17 Hickory Dr., Florence, Mass. 01062-3407.

1946

Harold Demopoulos (see **Naline Lai** '89).

1948

Class secretary **John Nowell** reports: "Save the dates, May 23-25, 2008, for our 60th Reunion. The Reunion Committee met on September 26, 2007, to review the schedule of events and set future meetings to complete details. Friday will begin with registration, an afternoon reception, and the traditional Brown Bear Buffet at the Sharpe Refectory, followed by Campus Dance. Saturday will feature breakfast at class headquarters, campus forums, lunch under a tent in the Maddock garden, class dinner at the Hope Club, then WaterFire in downtown Providence. The reunion will conclude with the Commencement procession Sunday morning, and a luncheon for the 50-plus classes at the Sharpe Refectory. To help you attend, an "angel" has donated a gift to pay for registration and all meals, and the University will provide lodging on campus. Details will be mailed later from the alumni relations office at Brown."

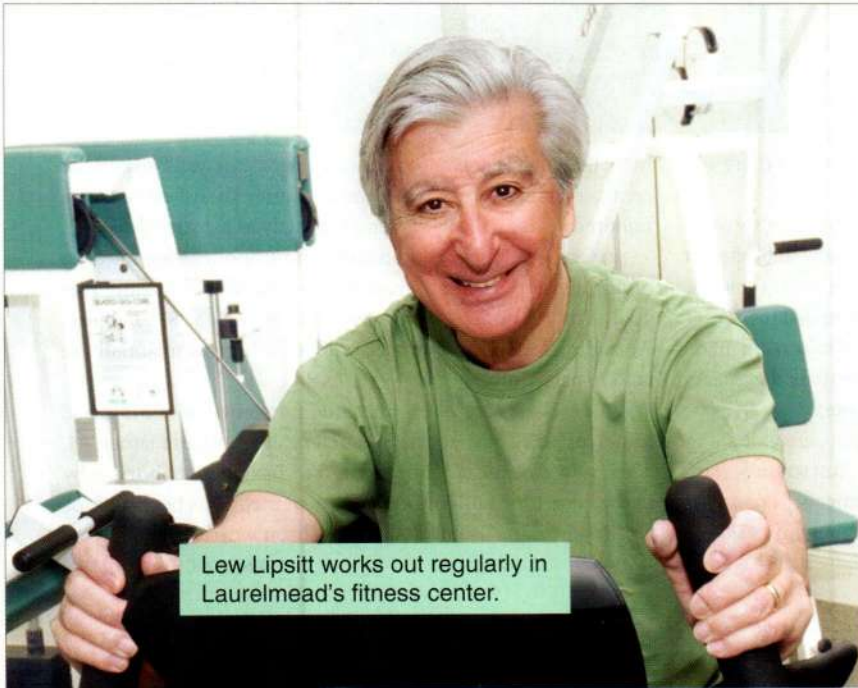
Justin Green, who looks forward to the 60th reunion, now lives in Knoxville, Tenn. He writes that he was drawn there to be near his daughter: "I remain in good health and am enjoying life with Ellie, my partner since 2003. We attended her 50th at Eryn Mawr last spring, and she will be joining me for the 60th. I hope we have a good turnout, and with a lot of luck I'd like to be around for the 70th. I keep busy giving lectures on politics and public policy to various groups and making occasional appearances on community TV. On Oct. 5 I attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn. There I was able to hear **Valerie Tutson** '87, '90 AM, a founding member of the Rhode Island Black Storytellers. Because only the best tellers are invited to this world-famous festival, I expected much from her performance, and I was not disappointed. She is a great storyteller who puts both a great deal of feeling and humor into her tale telling." Contact Justin at justin032@comcast.net.

Shirley Walling Mayhew (see **John W. Mayhew** '43).

1950

Genelle Dolan McMahon can be reached at 405 Denman Rd., Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Frances Leimkuehler writes: "In March 2007, I moved to the St. Louis area to be closer to family and started a whole new way of living. The last fifty years were in



Lew Lipsitt works out regularly in Laurelmead's fitness center.

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small cities of northwestern Illinois. The biggest adjustment is the many people and cars." Contact Frances at 151 Log Trail Dr., Ballwin, Mo. 63011.

1951

Class communications officer **Cleo Palelis Hazard** reports: "On August 9, the annual joint executive committee meeting of the men and women of the Brown Class of 1951 was held at the Goat Island gazebo, overlooking both Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay. (This has been an annual summer event hosted by **Warren Galkin**, past president of the men's class, along with his wife, Joyce Galkin, who always plans the sumptuous buffet lunch.) After a joint class business meeting, preliminary plans are under way for our next class reunion, the big six-oh, in 2011. The group walked to **Everett Greene's** condo (also on Goat Island) for coffee and delicious desserts provided by his wife, Norma. (Everett is the men's class president, and as always, made his special, secret-formula chocolate fudge for the group.) Enjoying the affair were Charlotte and **Sandy Taylor**, **Saul Arvedon**, **Win Wilson**, **Armedeo** and **Kitty Barclay Merola '52**, **Gene** and **Arline Kerzner Weinberg**, **Cleo Palelis Hazard**, **Jane McGeary Watson**, **Priscilla Wright Lingham**, **Kay Cauchon Thurber**, **Sally Gates Cook**, and **Connie Hunt Del Gizzi**, president of the women's class.

"In September, another annual get-together was held on Cape Cod. This year's potluck supper was hosted by **Marie McCarthy Sexton** and her husband, Mark. Enjoying the good food and catching up were **Ann Tingey Ellsworth** and husband, **Stote '50**, along with Ken and **Anne Hunt Brock**, and Cleo and Bob Hazard.

"The second Brown '51 women's class mini-reunion of 2007 was held at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, Mass., on October 2. **Priscilla Wright Lingham** and **Connie Hunt**

Cauchon Thurber, **Polly Welts Kaufman**, **Priscilla Loring Griffin**, **Ellie Deblasio Oddo**, **Anne Korman Fine**, **Ellie Moushegian**, and **Priscilla Wright Lingham**. **Connie** reported all the news of the gals who could not attend."

1952

Class secretary **Marshall Cannell** reports that on August 25 a memorial for Brown's hockey great, **Don Sennott**, was held in Providence with many hockey players in attendance, including classmates **Al Gubbins**, **Bob Wheeler**, **Bob Maley**, **Jake (John) Murphy**, **Joe McOsker**, and **Ed Barry**.

Robert Wheeler writes: "An article titled 'Sennott Set Hockey Standard at Brown' appeared in the *Providence Journal* shortly after Don's passing. Don was inducted into the Brown Athletic Hall of Fame when it was founded, on Nov. 12, 1971, one of only six hockey players inducted at that time. He centered the highest scoring line in Brown history in 1951 on the team that reached the final of the NCAA championship, a team that was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. Many observers believe it was the best hockey team Brown has ever had. He was selected to be on the Pentagonal League from 1950 to 1952 and was picked All-New England in 1951 and 1952."

Norm Cleaveland (see **Lena B. Chen '73**).

David Lubrano (see **Ernest Colarullo '43**).

1953

Class secretary **Betty Leaver Goff** reports: "On July 20, 2007, nineteen alumnae got together at The Imperial Room in Rhodes Place in Cranston, R.I. Those who attended what has become an annual event were **Ellen Leete Bell**, **Edith Oelbaum Biener**, **Fanny Bojar**, **Louise Anthony Brundage**,

and **Norma Byers Willis**.

Anyone who would like to receive notice about next year's luncheon, please contact **Janice Post**, 2232 Boston Neck Rd., Saunderson, R.I. 02874, or **Betty Goff** at 26 Monmouth Dr., Riverside, R.I. 02915. Hope to see many of you at our 55th reunion in May!"

Pat Parcher Cleaveland (see **Lena B. Chen '73**).

Martin Cohen writes that, because of children and grandchildren in Las Vegas and San Francisco, he has a vacation home in Reno. "We continue to have a place in Florida, but the West is now home for seven months. There are a few Brown grads here, but none from our class."

Joanne Webster McSherry writes: "I have ten grandchildren, all 12 years old and under. I still spend four months in West Falmouth, Mass., and eight months in Charleston, S.C. All is well."

Carlos S. Miranda writes: "Retirement has been great. I travel to Europe every year, mostly to Portugal, where we have many relatives. I retired as vice president of Kellogg International, and we live in Sarasota, Fla. I am a volunteer county court mediator in Sarasota. I have been married to Natalie for fifty-seven years, and we have three children, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter."

1955

J. Roy McKechnie can be reached at 1680 Fern Dr., Ogden, Utah 84403.

Willis H. Riccio has been named chairman of the securities regulation and enforcement section at Adler Pollack & Sheehan, a law firm in which he is a partner. He has also recently published two articles. He writes: "My wife, Donna, and I have reached an agreement. She will continue to attend Brown football games with me, provided I agree never to play bridge. Donna is an avid bridge player and a longtime member of the Bridge Club of R.I. Our two grandchildren, Nick and Danny, frequently attend the Brown games with us." Contact Willis at 300 River Ave., Providence 02908; wriccio@apslaw.com.

1956

Dan Hardenbergh writes: "I retired from Jewish Vocational Service in Boston as a job coach. Five minutes after I got home from a retirement party, the program director for Services to Individuals with Disabilities

"My wife, Donna, and I have reached an agreement. She will continue to attend Brown football games with me, provided I agree never to play bridge."

Del Gizzi planned the affair. Our large class banner, made by **Ginny Marlatt Hershey** for our 55th class reunion luncheon, was proudly displayed on the wall in our private dining room at the Marriott. Attending the luncheon were **Maxine Rosenbaum Goldman**, **Beth Becker Pollock**, **Connie Hunt Del Gizzi**, **Cleo Palelis Hazard**, **Jane McGeary Watson**, **Kay**

Margaret Kohlhepp Gardner, **Betty Leaver Goff**, **Gloria Villanay Holland**, **Jane Hovey**, **Patricia Eastwood Kann**, **Mary Jean Kelly McKenna**, **Patricia Chase Michaud**, **Sally Wilcox O'Day**, **Janice Swanson Post**, **Edie Wiedeman Smith**, **Barbara Kernalian Stone**, **Lee Torres Sullivan**, **Joan Carmody Theve**, **Joan Powers Valinote**,

called to urge me to continue job coaching as a part-time consultant. I accepted! I thoroughly enjoy working with clients with disabilities who have job-related concerns and issues. In retirement I'm working ten to 15 hours per week, and it's great. Otherwise, I've traveled to Alaska, Arizona, and Florida to visit family and celebrate Mary Ann's and my 50th anniversary. Also great trips via Brown Travelers to Sicily, Tuscany, Sardinia, Corsica, and Rome. Life is good!" Contact Dan at hardenbos@aol.com.

1957

Class secretary **Sandra Sundquist Durfee** reports: "I encourage classmates to send news and information to 2740 Quarry Heights Way, Baltimore, Md. 21209; durfs@aol.com; or directly to the BAM at alumni_magazine@brown.edu."

Nancy Jacobs Arkin writes that she traveled to Weston, Fla., with three friends during the summer and plans to travel to Puerto Rico with the same group.

Dick Barker writes that he spent the summer at his ranch south of Sun Valley, Idaho, doing lots of fly-fishing and taking a float trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. His two daughters, **Jessica '03** and **Rebecca '05**, visited with friends for eight days. He connected with classmate **Bob Saltonstall**, who has taken a place in Sun Valley and is as sharp as ever and very fit.

Tony Booth and his wife, Barbara, lead RV caravans for Winnebago-Itasca Travelers. Last summer they made their fifth trip to Alaska, where they watched wildlife, saw Mt. Denali, caught many fish, and enjoyed cool weather. They spent Thanksgiving week on Edisto Island, S.C., with their family.

Rosemary Carroll writes that she has settled into her home in Florida. She is in the second year of a two-year term as president of the Stuart, Fla., branch of the American Association of University Women. An article she coauthored with Eliza Cope Harrison, "Newport's Summer Colony: 1830-1860," was published in *Newport History*, the journal of the Newport Historical Society. For the past two years Rosemary has been listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, and *Who's Who in Education*.

Ann Christmann writes that she is now married to her partner-in-crime of 24 years, Henry Gates—math professor, world traveler, and couch potato. She and Henry watch a lot of NASCAR and Yankee games. She volunteers for the Audubon Coastal Center

in Milford, Conn., where she is a docent. She would love to hear from classmates at mystox@juno.com.

Ted Colangelo and his wife, Kay, took a small yacht cruise of twenty people to Sicily and the Aeolian Islands. They ended their trip with a week of cooking classes at a beautiful winery in the mountains north of Palermo.

Marilyn Tarasiewicz Erickson '59 AM writes that in October she went on an 18-day trip to Turkey.

Jack Giddings writes that last summer he went with the Brown Travelers to Tuscany with his wife, Sue; their son, Matt; and their daughter-in-law, Dara. They found the group congenial, the lecture "super," and Italy magnificent.

Douglas Godshall is recovering from a hip transplant operation.

Jim Goldsmith, along with his daughter Kira, volunteered again for the Barclays, the first of the FedEx Cup elimination tournaments as ShotLink personnel. They track how long the player's drives are on a particular hole and electronically send the information to TV personnel. He writes that seeing how differently the professionals swing is an education. His middle daughter, Kim, has had her third child, so he now has three grandchildren. He volunteers at the Phelps Memorial Hospital, at his temple, and at the Midnight Run, which feeds homeless people in New York City.

Charlie Hill spent the summer as usual, preparing for the fall term teaching at Yale with a couple weeks at Stanford's Hoover Institution. He also put in many hours as a senior foreign policy adviser to Rudy Giuliani in his campaign for the presidency.

Fred Humeston writes: "I had a great time at our 50th reunion visiting old classmates and renewing old bonds and friendships. It passed too quickly. I must get back to Brown more frequently, perhaps when I retire from my pediatric practice." Contact Fred at 1320 Apple Ave., #204, Hayward, Calif. 94541.

Wyeth Lynn Hare Jachney owns Hylas Yachts with her husband and son, Kyle. They had four sailboats in the Annapolis Boat Show.

James McCurrach spent a busy summer tutoring in San Francisco. He continues to teach history and geography on a half-day schedule, but plans to finally take a break by traveling to South America this summer.

Robert Norman writes: "We have recently moved into our dream house in the Pinewild Country Club, a gated community. We're on the fifth fairway of the

Holly course (designed by Gary Player). Tennis, golf, and flying are still fun and exciting. Come see us—we have ample room!" Contact Robert at 74 Pomeroy Dr., Pinehurst, N.C. 28374; rnorman2@nc.rr.com.

Paul Oppenheimer invites all classmates to visit him in Cape Town, South Africa. He returns to the United States a few times a year to visit his children and grandchildren.

Dorothy Young Pierce writes that she enjoyed the summer in the hills of Vermont and welcomed many visits from family and friends.

Bob Press writes that he continues to enjoy hot and humid Houston, even after 32 years there.

Judy and **George Rollinson** returned to Florida to enjoy the fruits of their efforts in starting up the Brown Club of the Treasure Coast. Six or seven fellow alums have come forward to assist in the leadership, including **Rosemary Carroll** and **Ted Colangelo**.

Alan R. Shalita writes: "Sorry I missed our 50th. I am still actively working as chairman of dermatology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and continue to enjoy academic life. Being surrounded by bright young students keeps me going, as do my five grandchildren. I also join you all in mourning the loss of classmates who are no longer with us." Contact Alan at 70 East 77th St., #9B, New York City 10075; judiths@att.net.

Maryann Filson Smith writes that she entertained many house guests over the summer, including a L'Abri Canada speaker's family and people from South Korea, keeping them in touch with the international Christian scene. The United States has a L'Abri in Massachusetts that eastern Canadians attend, and West Coast Americans come to Maryann's place on Bown Island. In September she and Mal swam the tidal river daily in Eastham, on Cape Cod, and had their annual maritime fix on pristine Prince Edward Island before returning home to a very chilly fall.

Warren Williams and his wife traveled from Wales to Washington, D.C., this past summer to attend the Office of Strategic Services Society dinner.

1958

Barbara Florop Doolittle writes: "Although I officially retired from the classroom two years ago after 45 years of teaching second and third graders, I still work part-time doing testing for the Claremont, N.H., school system as part of Reading First and No Child Left Behind." Contact Barbara at 199 Maple Ave., Clare-

mont 03743; bdoo@localnet.com.

George Held just published his 10th poetry collection, *The Art of Writing and Others* (www.finishinglinepress.com). Contact him at geoheld7@aol.com.

Susan Adler Kaplan '65 MAT writes: "Greetings to the class of 1958. Watch your mailboxes to receive information on our 50th reunion, which will include exciting events and venues, all easily accessible on campus. Congratulations to all for the record-breaking number of biographies submitted for our 50th yearbook. Make your reservations for Reunion Weekend, May 23-25, and please plan to march at Commencement. Our class Web site will soon be on the Brown Alumni Association page (alumni.brown.edu)." Contact Susan at skaplanri@aol.com.

Charles Mead Jr. and his wife, Mary Jane, are looking forward to the 50th reunion in May. They can be reached at 7004 Clemson Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22307; chasm1936@aol.com.

Bob Murphy writes that after more than twenty years of teaching jazz informally in the Stanford music department, he has received an academic appointment as lecturer there. Bob recently completed a two-week performing tour of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway with the Natural Gas Jazz Band.

William Silvert '65 PhD writes: "In July I started a new career by opening the Centre of Gastronomic Research, a bistro located about 20 km north of Faro in the Algarve. It has been fun, as we have people coming from many different backgrounds to prepare dishes from all over—Brazil, Goa, East Timor, Argentina, Thailand. I hope that some of my classmates will make it over; it would be great to have an informal reunion here. In the meantime, I hope to make our 50th and look forward to seeing many old friends in Providence." Contact William at C.P. 802-A Peral 8150-052 S. Bras de Alportel, Portugal; bill@silvert.org.

1959

Caryl Ann Miller Nieforth writes: "Our 50th Reunion will be held May 22–24, 2009. Who's interested in helping out?"

1960

Dirk T. Held '72 PhD is the Elizabeth S. Kruidenier Professor of Classics at Connecticut College and was recently given the college's award for faculty leadership.

1961

Judith Mederos Barrington can be reached at barrij@suscom-maine.net.

Melinda Levine de Lisle (see **Craig Pohlman** '89).

Douglas Hackett, Ken Johnson, and Eldon Hiebert, three Brown NROTC classmates, got together in early October for a reunion afloat on Eldon's 36-foot wooden-hull two-masted schooner for a day of sailing on the Chesapeake. Douglas writes: "There was great weather, some fine beer, and a good time catching up on our lives since Brown and our experiences in the U.S."

"After enduring the humbling experience of signing up for Social Security and Medicare, I decided that the best antidote was to start a new job."

Navy. (Ken and Eldon were in submarines, and I was in naval intelligence.)"

Robert W. Schmid writes: "I just attended my 50th high school reunion. It was great fun. Looking forward to our 50th. Save the date. The more the merrier." Contact Robert at 164 Tumble Idell Rd., Frenchtown, N.J. 08825.

1962

Kyra Taylor Carswell writes: "I'm still happily living in California with my husband, John. I retired from the probation department to pursue a second career doing arts and crafts and to spend time in our vacation home in Pacific Grove, Calif." Contact Kyra at kyracar@msn.com.

Allen Parkman writes: "The last few years have had some noteworthy events. With a concern for the effects of age, I finally climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2004 and walked the Inca Trail in 2006. After thirty years of teaching economics at the Univ. of New Mexico, I shifted into semiretirement in 2006, which means less teaching. More recently, I published my third book: *Smart Marriage: Using Your (Business) Head as Well as Your Heart to Find Wedded Bliss* (Praeger, 2007). It provides insights about better decision making before and during marriage based on my teaching in a business school for 30 years and being married for a similar period."

Katharine Doyle Stanford and her husband moved to southern Oregon to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Contact them at 1430 Village Center Dr., Medford, Ore. 97504; (541) 857-6002; ray.stanford@stanfordalumni.org.

1963

Class Secretary **Jennifer Williams Ketay** reports: "I encourage you to send news to jenketay@yahoo.com. Please share with us where you are in life and what you are doing; inquiring minds want to know! Watching the August preparations on campus for the class of 2011, I was reminded that it was 48 years ago that we were in the same situation. How amazing to think of connections and friendships (and marriages) forged then that still continue, and lives built upon what we learned here at Brown, in the classroom and out. Do plan on coming back Memorial Day Weekend

to join your classmates at the stimulating faculty and alumni forums. See the new buildings and how great Wilson Hall looks following its summer-long cleaning. Your Reunion Committee, headed by **Bob Nickerson**, is planning a great time for all, and to make it truly great we need you there. May 23-25, 2008, are the dates to keep in mind!"

On a personal note, **Jennifer** writes: "I continue to love working with the alumni relations department at Brown and with alumni clubs all over the world. Last year I met with alumni club leaders in more than 30 U.S. locations and in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Paris, and London. The number and quality of the events that Brown's 80 alumni clubs are putting on is very impressive. My son Sam continues to work as a director of commercials and a freelance cameraman in New York City, and my daughter Sarah was granted a PhD in social psychology and is working in a lab at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. I still love travel, even though I do it so much for work, and spent two weeks in the Dordogne and in Paris last April."

Cochair of the 65th Reunion, **Jack Hess**, reports: "**Edna Coogan Snow** and I as cochairs of the upcoming 65th Reunion hope you've marked the dates May 23-25, 2008, on your calendar. We will focus both on our reunion and on recognizing the Class of 2008, beginning with a reception on Friday, May 23, and winding up with the Commencement procession on Sunday, May 25. Details will follow."

Andrea Whitaker Baumann writes: "I am still recovering from a knee operation. Walt and I took one cruise—Egypt in February

for 14 days with Grand Circle Travel. It was a fantastic journey through ancient Egypt: five days in Cairo, one day in Alexandria, six days cruising up the Nile from Luxor to Aswan seeing all the temples and tombs (including Tutankhamen's), and one day flying to Abu Simbel. Otherwise, I keep teaching my strength/aerobic/stretching/balance classes each week. We now have five grandchildren, ages 15, 12, 4, almost 4, and 6 months. Our five children are all doing well and remain busy with children or dogs or cats." Contact Andrea at a_baumann@comcast.net.

Judy Neal Murray writes: "After enduring the humbling experience of signing up for Social Security and Medicare, I decided that the best antidote was to start a new job. In July, I was hired by Harvard to initiate a student docent program, training undergraduates to lead gallery talks and tours for fellow classmates and alumni in the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Sackler Museums. I'm also coteaching a Harvard Medical School course, *Training the Eye: Improving the Art of Physical Diagnosis*, that develops students' observational skills by looking at art. Best of all, I recently became a grandmother to grandson Owen and granddaughter Sophia. I am looking forward to catching up with classmates at our 45th reunion this spring." Contact Judy at jmpembroke63@comcast.net.

William L. Palmisciano writes: "I had an opportunity last summer to get together with classmate **Bob Sliney** and his wife, **Diane Jones Sliney** '64. I had seen neither since graduation. We had a wonderful boat tour of Narragansett Bay together."

Leslie Leopold Sucher and **Liz Nowlin Drumm** joined **Janice Fernald Huang** and her husband, Tom Huang, on a family-and-friends retirement birthday celebration trip touring the newly tourist-friendly national parks in China. They report they enjoyed incredible sights, fantastic fun, and memorable sharing.

1964

Ben King writes: "I had fun in September linking up with my Brown Glee Club director, **Erich Kunzel** '60 AM, at the Ravinia Festival in Illinois, where Erich conducted an end-of-summer pops program. Backstage we relived some glorious (and inglorious) moments of Brown Glee Club lore from the early 1960s (I sang bass). It was gratifying to catch up, after 43 years, with this memorable gentleman." Ben also writes that he sold his business, King Research Inc., and now

works as a consultant to the company's new Milwaukee-based owners while continuing to practice law in New York City. Contact Ben at bkinkhere@earthlink.net.

Allen Ward writes: "Last May, I had an enjoyable visit in Maine with classmate **Roger DuBrock** and his family, who had come from Anchorage, Alaska, for daughter Francesca's Bowdoin College graduation. After eighteen months of renovations, I am almost fully moved to a condominium in Manchester, Conn. I have remade it into an 18th-century-style townhouse with three libraries, one for books and monographs on ancient history, one for Greek and Latin texts, and one for modern literature and social services. Since, as an emeritus professor, I no longer have a big office at the Univ. of Connecticut, it will be wonderful to have all my books available in one place." Contact Allen at 441 South Main St., Manchester 06040; amwevan@att.net.

1965

Paul Hammond reports that PublishAmerica has published his first novel, *Interference*, a contemporary sailing adventure that becomes a time journey to the American Revolution (specifically British-occupied Newport in July 1778).

Gerald J. Michael '66 ScM writes: "For many years now Shirley and I have been the classic empty-nesters—living alone in the same large house in which we raised three children and complaining about its age, size, and maintenance requirements. No longer! After twenty-eight years living in Weston, Mass., we've built a brand new house and moved to Nashua, N.H. We are in a great location not far from our children and grandchildren, close to the mountains and seacoast, and still within easy striking distance of Boston. We're already starting to create wonderful memories here."

Nan Hoy Shaw writes: "After twenty-eight years as a life coach and addictionologist, four years ago I founded eClubSoda, a world-wide teleconference call for personal development and life-coaching. 'Happy Hour' has now taken on a whole new meaning, one of genuine connection! We offer over 800 conference calls a year, providing daily, hands-on, easily accessible personal coaching and support. I am about to open up eClubSoda for Students and eClubSoda for Seniors. Retirement? What is that? I would love to hear from my friends at Brown and Pembroke. Contact me through

www.eclubsoda.com or at eclubsodanan@aol.com. I am now living on my own with my two beloved dogs on a little lake in Georgia. Ya'll come down and visit!"

1966

Amy Bernstein Brem (see **Marcella Bombardieri** '99).

Frank Ryeck is helping revitalize the historically black Jefferson City Community Center Association by initiating a speakers' program and involving his Rotary Club in renovation work. Contact Frank at 406 Chestnut St., Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

1967

Elizabeth Feroe Bakst writes: "I am sorry I missed our 40th reunion. I got caught up in planting my garden and in finishing end-of-the-year work as a teacher in an independent elementary school in East Providence, and reunion time just slipped right on by. The teaching work I do at the Gordon School is engaging and rewarding. The school is a leader in multicultural education and in teaching for social justice. And, yes, I am still married to **M. Charles Bakst** '66, and, yes, he still writes for the *Providence Journal*. And, yes, I will try to get to our 50th; I am sorry I missed the 40th."

Allen Dyer '70 ScM, a psychiatrist at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State, spoke as the only doctor from the United States at a major continuing medical education conference in northern Iraq. He was joined by three psychiatrists from the United Kingdom. The conference was focused on the psychological effects of long-lived trauma among soldiers and civilians in war.

Margaret Blanke Henderson writes: "I enjoyed an excellent Brown Travelers tour to the Dordogne region of France this past October. It was intellectually, artistically, and culturally stimulating in the Brown tradition." Contact Margaret at meghender@mac.com.

Marilyn Friedman Hoffman '71 AM writes: "Since 1994 I have been guiding museums during executive transitions and recruiting executive directors, curators, and educators. My firm, Museum Search & Reference, has grown rapidly; I now have three employees. My husband, Alan, and I remain near Manchester, N.H., where I retired from the Currier Museum of Art as executive director. I enjoy executive search—it's another way to

help American museums. Our son, Adam, is 23, a graduate of Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., and works in Manchester. Our daughter, Elena, is 20 and a junior in sports and events management at Johnson & Wales Univ. in Providence, which means I return to Providence frequently. Alan, while still a practicing attorney in Boston, has a book out, *Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825*. The second printing just appeared. Visit www.lafayetteinamerica.com to follow the book tour." Contact Marilyn at searchandref@aol.com.

Carlyle A. Thayer writes: "In 2005 I was appointed the C. V. Starr Distinguished Visiting Professor in Southeast Asian Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins. In 2007 I was presented with the Rector's Excellence in Teaching Award for my contribution to postgraduate distance education at the Australian Defense Force Academy. This year I will take up the inaugural Frances M. and Stephen H. Fuller Visiting Professorship at the Center of Southeast Asian Studies at Ohio Univ." Contact Carlyle at 11 Ambara Pl., Aranda, ACT 2614 Australia; carlthayer@webonne.com.au

1968

Robert M. Cohan, a partner in the litigation section of the Dallas office of Jackson Walker and chair of the antitrust group, was named a 2007 Texas Super Lawyer.

Steve Field writes: "I'm coming up on 23 years in the wholesale building materials business in Mass., and recently opened a fourth branch in N.H. My son, Mike, 25, joined the business. My daughter, Joanna, is finishing up at Emory, and wife Debbie is taking a leave of absence from her job as a preschool teacher. Hope to see many of my classmates at the 40th in May. Call or e-mail if you're coming!" Contact Steve at sfield219@yahoo.com.

Paul Hans writes: "I'm currently executive vice president of NuView Health Partners. NuView is a medical claims data analytic company that assists self-insured companies and government agencies to lower health care costs. Clients have said we are unique in our approach to cost control. Nice to hear since I'm the one in charge of analytics." Contact Paul at 8109 E. Gary Rd., Scottsdale, Ariz. 85260; hanspc@cox.net.

Louis P. Lantner is serving a one-year tour of duty in Iraq as a provincial reconstruction team leader embedded with the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Striker in Bagh-

dad. He provides citizen services by working with local leaders and government entities to establish an organized civil society able to run the towns. His wife, **Karen Williams Lantner** '69, returned to the United States after three years in Hanoi. Contact them at loulantner@aol.com and klanter@aol.com.

Gwyneth Walker's 60th birthday was honored at the Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, Vt., with a two-day "Festival of the Music of Gwyneth Walker." Performers included professional musicians from across the United States. In addition, a Gala Choral Concert was featured in October with twelve choruses from around New England. Special guests were six of Gwyneth's fellow Chatertocks: **Kathryn Shibley** '67, **Margaret French Gardner**, **Judith Bellizia Grande**, **Marjorie Bedrick Tarkow**, **Marcia Rollin Woodward** '69, and **Cynthia Adams White** '69. Gwyneth's music has been heard all over the world; she is the national best-seller with E.C. Schirmer Music Publishers. In 2005, two performances of her music for chorus and orchestra were presented at Carnegie Hall. Contact her at walkermuse@aol.com; www.gwynethwalker.com.

1969

Eve I. Barak writes: "My husband, Eugene Davidson, and I are preparing to retire. We've bought a new home in Boynton Beach, Fla., sold our house in Washington, D.C., and are splitting our time between a small apartment right next door (literally!) to my office in northern Virginia and telecommuting from Florida."

Isabel Jackson Freeman and **John Freeman** '69 ScM announce the July 4, 2007, birth of their grandson Abram Cyrus Freeman Goldstein. He is the son of **Cynthia Freeman** '96 and **Joshua Goldstein** '88 and the great-grandson of **Frederick H. Jackson** '41. Contact Isabel at isabel.freeman@verizon.net.

Sallee Garner and **Keith Searls** were married in an informal civil ceremony and reception on July 1, 2007, at the Lincolnville, Maine, home of Sallee's parents. Guests included **Rita Chao Hadden** and husband **Bill Hadden** '68.

Rauer Meyer writes: "I have returned 'home' to Los Angeles from the Bay Area, consumed with my 11-year-old twin girls. We're all stressed applying to middle schools, primping and testing for the privilege of investing ridiculous sums in their lives. The best money we will ever spend! I expect

applying to Brown to be a breeze in contrast!" Contact Rauer at 214 S. Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles 90004; rlmeyer@thelen.com.

Bob Rothestein writes: "I've now passed the 26-year mark in Brussels and still haven't sampled all the beers. Since 1999 I have been managing director of Data Innovations Europe, the EMEA regional subsidiary of data innovations of Burlington, Vt., the worldwide leader in middleware for clinical laboratories. The company took a giant leap this past July by acquiring PGP Corp., which is second in the middleware business and is also located in Brussels. My daughter Shona, 25, received her degree in architecture in Brussels in 2006. Already fluent in three languages, she is now in Spain learning a fourth and doing her internship. My daughter Liane, 22, also trilingual, is working in my birthplace, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and still trying to decide on a career. My wife, Anne, and I are adjusting to the empty nest quite well and are not planning to retire very soon. Any friends passing through are welcome to help both of us in our quest to sample all the beers." Contact Bob at 957 Chaussée d'Alseberg 1180 Brussels, Belgium; brothstein@comuserve.com.

Bill Russo was inducted into the Lafayette College Athletics Maroon Club Hall of Fame, class of 2007. He is the lone coach in this year's Hall of Fame class. Russo is the Lafayette coach with the most wins during his 19 seasons there. He received the 1988 Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award after leading his team to the Colonial League Championship. His teams also won the championship in 1992 and 1994, and Bill earned Coach of the Year honors following each title. In 1982 he was ECAC Coach of the Year and AFCA Kodak Coach of the Year. He coached fifteen All-Americans and twelve Academic All-Americans and saw sixteen of his former players continue on to professional football. Now retired, Bill lives in Asheville, N.C., with his wife, Sue. The couple has a daughter, Elizabeth. Contact Bill at bjrusso@charter.net.

Walt Woerheide writes: "Earlier this year I was appointed to the Frank M. Engle Distinguished Chair in Economic Security Research at the American College, where I still serve as vice president of academic affairs and dean. My eldest is a sophomore at Lafayette College majoring in civil engineering. My twins are high school seniors looking at colleges." Contact Walt at 2392 West Deerfield Dr., Media, Pa. 19063; woerheide@theamericancollege.edu.

Presidential Election **Leonard A. Schlesinger** '73, former vice chairman of the retailer Limited Brands, was named the twelfth president of Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. "Hopefully by the time I step down it [the college] will be the finest specialty business school in the world," Schlesinger told the *Boston Globe* in November. Schlesinger was briefly senior vice president for development at Brown during the late 1990s.

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1970

Susan Collier Lamont writes: "In 2006, I opened my own landscape design business, Lamontscapes (www.lamontscapes.com). A garden I designed while working as in-house designer for a contractor was featured on the cover of the Sept. 2007 *Sunset* magazine. The issue included a six-page article about the garden. I also officiated at the wedding of my older daughter, Ellen, in July (hooray for one-day licenses). I volunteer as president of the board of directors of the Peace & Justice Center of Sonoma County (California). Contact me at peacenik@sonic.net."

Richard G. Murphy, is partner-in-charge of the Washington, D.C., office of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. A member of the Litigation Practice Group in Washington, he has represented organizations in the banking, factoring, telecommunications, and nuclear energy industries both in court and in various forms of alternative dispute resolution. As the senior litigator in the firm's business restructuring and bankruptcy group, his emphasis is on disputes involving creditors' rights and bankruptcy-related issues.

Brian Palmer (see **Gretchen Stauby Harwood** '01).

1971

Charles Babcock, a litigation partner in Jackson Walker's Houston office, was named a 2007 Texas Super Lawyer and made the list of the state's top 100 attorneys. Contact Charles at cbabcock@jw.com.

Deborah Bell (see **Bernie Bell** '42).

John W. Mayhew III (see **John W. Mayhew** '43).

1972

George Billings (see **Bernie Bell** '42).

Robert J. Enright writes: "I returned too late from a race in Gyor, Hungary, to attend the 35th reunion. In early May I went to a seminar in Providence and took advantage of a mild sunny afternoon to jog up College Hill to familiar sounds and sites on the Green. Music played

loudly; tables were set up to distribute manifestos; some people strolled through purposefully from all directions; others stood or sat on the grass in loose clusters; Frisbees glided back and forth. I flashed to having bumped into the late Rosalie Colie, who made a mark on me that was more like an indentation—I helped her lug the manuscript of what became a book of essays on Shakespeare. The neighborhoods around the campus retain their considerable charm; that will never change. I have long since reached this conclusion about my four years: largely wasted, but unavoidably so. I competed for Team USA in the World Long Course Duathlon Championships in Richmond, Va., in late October."

Leslie Winner was named the executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in October 2007. The foundation is one of North Carolina's largest and most influential private foundations and makes grants for community economic development. Leslie was previously the vice president and general counsel of Univ. of North Carolina.

Susan Yelavich writes: "Five years and 509 pages later, my book *Contemporary World Interiors* has been published by Phaidon Press. Now that I can lift my head up again, I'm researching a new book on the relationship between architecture and textiles. I continue to teach design history and criticism at Parsons the New School for Design, and after 32

the dates for our 35th Reunion: May 23-25, 2008. If you have not been to campus since your 30th or longer, you will see the amazing growth of Brown's campus and the transformation of Providence. Attend your 35th to reconnect with Brown and renew old friendships. Experience the new Commencement weekend, during which events are condensed into a shortened weekend that ends on Sunday, enabling more of our classmates to march in the procession. And most events are held right on the Brown campus, making it easier to join classmates at such traditional alumni events as Campus Dance, forums, Field Day, and class events. Check out the class Web site (alumni.brown.edu) for more information on the reunion and how to contact the planning committee members. Reserve your hotels right away, or review the reunion packets for more information to stay on campus. See you in Providence in May!"

Lena B. Chen has been with the city of San Francisco as an architect project manager for the last ten years working on historic restoration projects such as the Palace of Fine Arts. She writes: "My husband and I live in Oakland. Our daughter, Chia Chen-Speidel, is a member of the class of 2010. I stay in touch with several friends from classes 1972-1974: **Jenny Smith** '72, **Jessica Murray**, **Rachel Wyon**, **Masha Traber** '75, **Charles Rybeck**, and **Alice Andrews**, as well as with **Pat Parcher Cleaveland** '53 and **Norm Cleaveland** '52 of Rehoboth, Mass." Contact Lena at lena.chen@sfdpw.org.

Deborah June Mayhew (see **John W. Mayhew** '43).

Nancy Johnson Nystrom writes: "I have been with the world languages department of the Farmington (Conn.) public schools for 20 years and have trained teachers at

"We're all stressed applying to middle schools, primping and testing for the privilege of investing ridiculous sums in our 11-year-old twins' lives."

years in the city I've become a provincial New Yorker. My husband, Mike, and I celebrated our 28th anniversary this year and our son, Henry, graduated from Bard and works as an editorial assistant at Rizzoli. I missed our 35th reunion, but would love to catch up with classmates informally." Contact Susan at susan.yelavich@gmail.com.

1973

Class president **Marie Stoeckel** reports: "Save

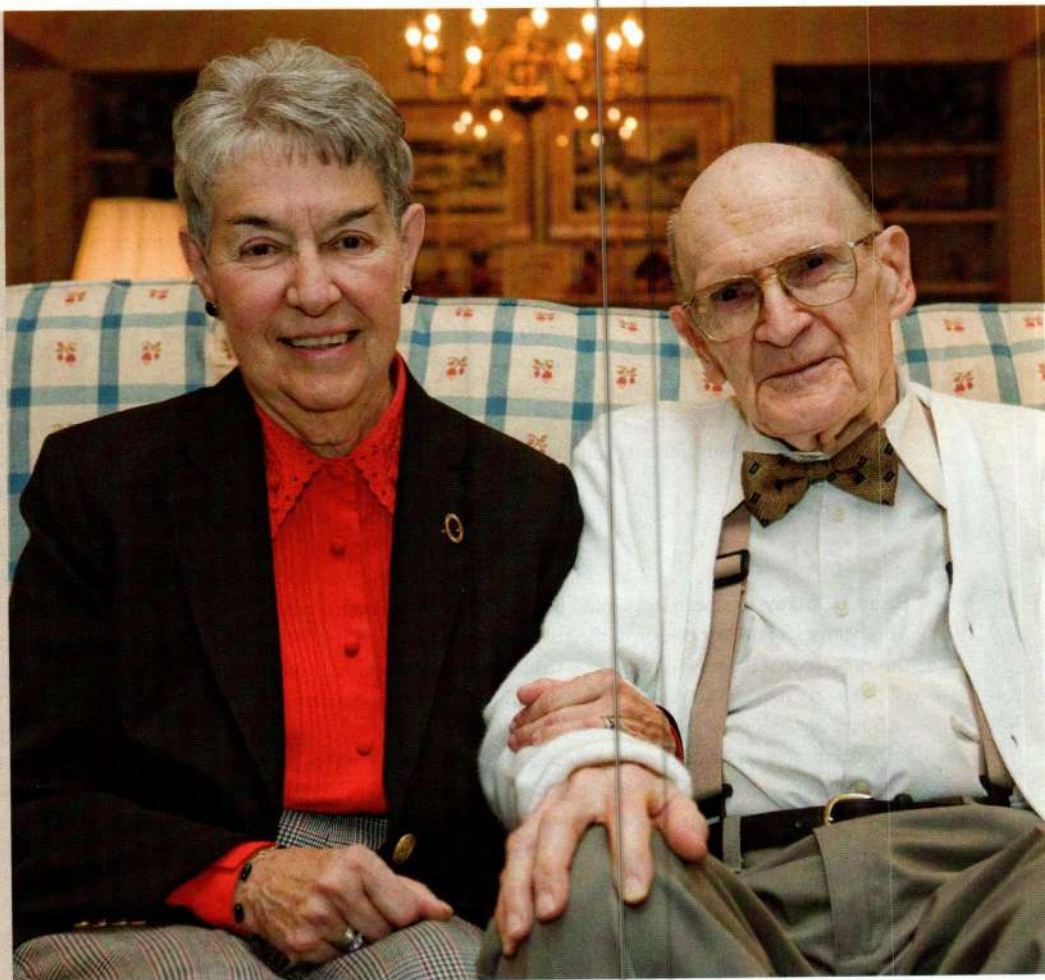
Tulane, the Univ. of Texas at San Antonio, and the Univ. of Hartford. My husband, Jon, and I look to the next phase: returning to Texas to become part of a small-town community. Our daughter, **Alice** '08, graduates this spring, in studio art and American civilization." Contact Nancy at 16 Argyle Ave., West Hartford, Conn. 06107; nancy-nystrom@sbcglobal.net.

John Oppenheimer left the trading floor at the Pacific Stock Exchange in 2002 after a twenty-six-year career as a market-maker

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TV & Film Stars *Entertainment Weekly* has named Fox Film executive **Tom Rothman** '76 one of its "50 Smartest People in Hollywood." Rothman, who co-chairs the studio's filmed entertainment division, was listed between director Robert Zemeckis (*Beowulf*, *Forrest Gump*) and actor Ben Stiller. In other entertainment news, **Lauren Corrao** '83 has been promoted to president of original programming and development at Comedy Central.

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specialist. In 2003 he went back to school to complete his masters in clinical psychology and is now a licensed marriage and family therapist with a private practice in Corte Madera, Calif. "Talk about a role-reversal in life," he notes. He adds that he is enjoying life with his wife, Sarah, in and around their empty nest in Mill Valley, Calif.: "Julie, 23, is graduating from San Diego State with a degree in media and television production, and Liza, 21, is in New York City pursuing an acting career and working as a hostess in a restaurant." Contact John at johnoppenheimer@mac.com

1974

Brian D. Bixby has been appointed by the Massachusetts Bar Association as the chair of the association's Taxation Law Section Council. He is cochair of the private client group at Burns & Levinson LLP in Boston, where he concentrates on estate planning, fiduciary administration, and probate court litigation.

Steve Dentel is a professor of environmental engineering at the Univ. of Delaware. As an adviser to the local Engineers Without Borders chapter, he recently traveled to Cameroon with a group of undergraduates. The group is developing potable water supplies for a remote village in the high plateau region. A blog with pictures is at ewb-ud.blogspot.com.

Ken Field writes: "The Bridgman/Packer Dance piece *Under the Skin* was performed with my live and prerecorded score at Rhode Island College on November 30. In addition to numerous other venues, the pieces were presented in Budapest last April at a historic theater where Beethoven once performed. *Under the Skin* was also performed at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston in December and at the Alabama Dance Festival January 18-20 and will be performed at the Flynn Center in Vermont on March 28. A CD was released in 2007 on Innova Recordings as part of their select short-run series. Find more info at bridgmanpacker.org and at kenfield.org."

Joel Shalowitz '77 MD was a Fulbright

senior specialist and visiting professor at Keio University Medical School in Tokyo, where he taught both medical and management students and studied the Japanese health care system. Joel is professor and director of the health industry management program at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

1975

K. Winslow Farrell Jr. (see **Aaron Prosnitz** '05).

Julianne Ip '78 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89 and **Vincent Capaldi** '02).

John Keats '78 MD is still living in Ventura, Calif., and was recently named president and medical director of California Health First Physicians. This is a new multispecialty medical group affiliated with Catholic Healthcare West. He writes: "In June 2007, along with my wife, **Susan Schilling Keats** '82 PhD, I attended the graduation of my oldest son, Andrew, from the Univ. of Oxford, where he received his master of philosophy in Roman history.

"In early May I went to a seminar in Providence and took advantage of a mild sunny afternoon to jog up College Hill to familiar sounds and sites on the Green.... I have long since reached this conclusion about my four years there: largely wasted, but unavoidably so."

Also attending the graduation was my son Alex, who is now a sophomore at the Univ. of Washington. My daughter, Ariele, graduated from Scripps College and is applying to nursing school. My youngest son, Kolya, is a senior in high school." Contact John at jkeatsmd@gmail.com.

Ruth Weissberger has written *The Cure for Remembering: A Dr. Nora Sternberg Mystery*, published by Melville House.

Mark Weston's third book, *Prophets and Princes: Saudi Arabia from Muhammad to the Present*, will be published by John Wiley & Sons in May. Mark was recently a visiting

scholar at the King Faisal Institute for Islamic Studies in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Former ambassador and U.S. Senator Wyche Fowler Jr. has written the book's foreword. Contact Mark at P.O. Box 892, Armonk, N.Y. 10504-0892; markweston2000@earthlink.net.

1976

Harry Haskell's new book, *Boss-Busters and Sin Hounds: Kansas City and Its Star*, was recently published by the Univ. of Missouri Press. Harry writes: "It's my take on the golden age of progressive journalism before newspapers succumbed to the plague of sound bites, blogs, and creeping triviality. After 16 years of editing other people's books, I left Yale University Press in 2003 to devote myself full-time to nonfiction writing. My wife, Ellen Cordes, is enjoying her new position as head of technical services at Yale's Lewis Walpole Library. We seem to have passed our love of books on to 10-year-old Lucy, who raced through all seven Harry Potter novels in less than three months. We would love to hear from friends at 15 Union St., Guilford, Conn. 06437; harryhaskell2@sbcglobal.net."

Kit Kinports (see **Ben Gerhardtstein** '04).

V. Jane Suttell married Gabriel Zatlin in the backyard of their Connecticut home on June 30 before family and close friends. **Bradley Brockmann**, who introduced the couple 26 years ago in New York City, presided. Gabriel has his own connection to Brown,

having served as associate director of health services in 1977-78 after his return from overseas service in Indonesia and Camaroon. Jane writes that she has taken the Zatlin surname to honor her delight at finding a soulmate in middle age. She continues her design business in Manhattan. Contact Jane at zenweeder@rcn.com.

1977

Heidi Boghosian reports that she has been executive director of the National Lawyers Guild for eight years. She is co-host of the

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weekly civil liberties radio program *Law and Disorder* on WBAI in New York City, and writes and speaks regularly on such issues as police tactics that suppress free speech. She would love to hear from old friends. Contact Heidi at 173 Ave. A #10, New York City 10009; heidibog@hotmail.com.

Juli Sum writes: "All 2006 I tried in vain to get my daughter, Lana Robinson-Sum '10, to meet Cy Scofield '08, son of my Brown roommate **Lisa Bird Scofield** and her husband, **Dan Scofield** '78. So I called Lisa this past October and learned that our two students live in the same dorm, Slater Hall. After sending Lana the relevant contact information, Lana reported back that she finally met Cy—and that they live in adjacent rooms and sleep on opposite sides of the same wall!"

1978

Susan Armington writes: "I am a roster artist for the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Community Programs in the Arts, and I do art residencies throughout the state and beyond. My love of art, literature, and foreign languages come together in my work, which often includes texts and maps. My painting, *Geography of Home*, a large-scale map of the Twin Cities made out of the words and languages of people who live there, is hanging in the Minneapolis Mayor's office and will be on view at the Minnesota History Center next year. Meanwhile, I continue to develop "Talking Suitcases," my art- and community-building project that brings together people from all walks of life to create art about their stories and what matters most to them. The work explores issues of immigration, grief, loss, spirituality, and identity, and currently focuses on building personal connection among residents in public housing. (See my Web site www.susanarmington.com)." Contact Susan at 5005 16th Ave. S. Minneapolis, 55417; armington007@alumni.brown.edu.

Lisa Arrowood was named cochair of the tort committee of the litigation section of the Boston Bar Association. The tort committee considers all matters relating to injury and damage to persons and property. Lisa is a founding partner at Todd & Weld LLP and a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Jonathan Bell (see **Bernie Bell** '42).

Jayne Seminare Docherty writes: "I made full professor and achieved the Eastern Mennonite Univ. equivalent of tenure this year. I celebrated my 50th birthday by riding horses on a 4,000-acre ranch in Alberta.

STACEY FARLEY '77

Railroad Artist

Using tile, she connects travelers with America's past.

FOR STACEY FARLEY, THE ARTISTIC PROCESS BEGINS AT A TOWN'S LOCAL HISTORIC society. There she spends weeks and sometimes months sifting through old photographs, ledgers, and even, as she says, "little scraps of paper." Invariably, inspiration strikes. "An idea might lead me to a place or a place might lead me to an idea," she says. "It's certainly a lot of fun."

The end result of all this labor is typically a large tile mural depicting scenes from the town or city's history. Farley specializes in designing murals for municipalities' train stations, and she incorporates images, photographs, and text that are all somehow relevant to the changes wrought by the railroad's arrival in the town. In a mosaic she did for the New Jersey Transit station in Secaucus, there are images of 19th-century horse-drawn carriages, old-fashioned bicycles, and farmland—reminders of what disappeared after the train linked the city to nearby New York. "The story of the railroad is really one of the great stories of America," Farley says. "It changes the lifestyle and nature of the towns. Ideas move from place to place."

Farley, who studied fine arts at Brown and then went on to get her MFA from the University of Illinois in Chicago, originally began by making her living doing tile work inside people's homes. It was mostly ornamental work for bathrooms, kitchens, and fireplaces, but then in 1990, she was commissioned to paint a series of murals inside the Perkins Memorial Tower, a 40-foot tall stone structure located at Bear Mountain State Park in upstate New York. The tower sits atop one of the park's highest mountains.

After this she became smitten with the idea of creating work both for and about everyday people and having it displayed publicly. "It's very satisfying to have it be seen," she says. "It becomes part of every day life."

Farley works out of her studio near her home in Garrison, New York. She creates her tiles from scratch, heating and glazing the raw clay herself. "It's a very primitive process," she says. "It goes back to before the Egyptians." She can then transfer photographs directly onto the tiles, write words, impress images, or silkscreen. She frequently depicts horses because they were commonplace before the railroad and then very suddenly disappeared as a mode of transportation. "I use a million different techniques to tell the story," she says.

Farley has created murals for train stations in Mount Arlington, Secaucus, and Westfield, New Jersey, and in Peekskill in upstate New York. Her work in Mount Arlington is a homage to the area's once-famous amusement park, Bertrand Island, which was open for more than eighty years beginning in the early 1900s. There are eight murals in all, and two of them feature pictures of carousel horses in teal blue, yellow, and pink and photographs of revelers at the park at the height of its popularity. "I hope my work—knock on wood—will last a long time," says Farley. "This is not fleeting. It's about history, and part of history."

—L.G.



Life continues to be full of interesting peace-building work and travels: Lebanon, India, Sri Lanka, Jordan, and various places in Europe, as well as much work in the United States. The Shenandoah Valley is beautiful, and it is always nice to come home. Sorry to miss the reunion, but it is in the middle of our

"We live in Santa Cruz, Calif., with two wonderful cats—Hurricane Katrina refugees who were airlifted here by Doris Day!"

Summer Peace Building Institute. For more about what I do see: www.emu.edu/personnel/people/show/jsd636. Contact Jayne at jayne.docherty@emu.edu.

Howard Feldstein writes: "I married Kathleen Flowers on July 7, 2007. We packed St. John Coltrane African Orthodox Church in San Francisco with family and friends, including **Pak Chan** '79, then honeymooned in Italy. We live in Santa Cruz, Calif., with two wonderful cats—Hurricane Katrina refugees who were airlifted here by Doris Day! Kathleen is a bilingual kindergarten teacher and a poet. Part of our rich relationship includes her ongoing encounter with a rare form of cancer (urachal); anyone wanting to share information is welcome to contact me. Although I no longer work in public radio (I'm back in the natural-foods business), I still host a jazz program called Giant Steps every Sunday night. Trane lives!" Contact Howard at 320 Cleveland Ave., Santa Cruz 95060; hfeldstein@hotmail.com.

Jill Moser showed new paintings at the Lennon Weinberg Gallery in New York City from Nov. 1 through Dec. 8. Jill's Web site is www.jillmoser.net, and her e-mail is jillmoser@verizon.net.

Mark Reynolds (see **Ben Gerhardtstein** '04).

Michael Ursillo writes: "After a year of chaos, we're finally settled in our new home in South Kingstown, R.I., and our sophomore and senior college girls have acquiesced to staying at the new nest every now and then. My firm has grown to seven attorneys so we're looking for expanded space—the chaos thus begins anew!" Contact Michael at 214 Westcote Dr., Wakefield, R.I. 02879; mikeursillo@utrlaw.com.

Lisa Solod Warren writes: "After living in France for two years, we returned in the summer of 2003. In January 2005, my husband and I separated, and our divorce was finalized a year later. I am fortunate to be married now to an amazing man, Michael Warren. This past summer we moved down the road to

Staunton, Va., where my daughter attends Stuart Hall School. My son, after a year at Colgate, is now taking courses at the Univ. of Virginia and working in Charlottesville. My first book, *Desire: Women Write About Wanting*, was published by Seal Press in early November. Check out my Web site at www.lisasolodwarren.com for more information. I do hope to make it to reunion." Contact Lisa at 101 Wetherwood St., Staunton, Va. 24401; lisasolod@gmail.com.

1978

Marcia Zaiac Wasser writes: "All is well with the Wassers! **Maddie** '10 is a happy sophomore at Brown, and **Caryn** is a freshman (also happy) at the Univ. of Maryland. Our baby, **Melissa**, is in 8th grade. We recently celebrated her bat mitzvah with dear Brown friends in attendance: **Paula Condaxis Angell**, **Rob Angell**, **Lynn Steinberg Redd**, **Tracy Miller**, and **Randy Seiler Margulis**. **Dan Wasser** '76 still enjoys entertainment law, and I still enjoy advertising." Contact Marcia at marciawasser@comcast.net.

1979

Sita Liane Chakrawarti '89 AM is currently in her second year of studying Arabic at the Foreign Service Institute. After a year in Washington, D.C., she is continuing her work at the Field School in Tunis, Tunisia. Upon completion of this year, she will become the public affairs officer/director

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of the American Cultural Center at the U.S. Consulate in Casablanca, Morocco. She joined the U.S. Information Agency in 1999 after working for several years as an engineer and pursuing a master's in German, a masters in French, and doctoral work in German and comparative literature. Her first assignment was in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and she has

also served in New Zealand and Niger. She is hoping to attend the 30th reunion and looks forward to catching up with classmates.

Kate Flanagan writes: "Richard and I are really enjoying living in London. Citibank transferred me here in spring 2006, and Richard got a job at Abbey Bank/Santander. Old friends, do call if you pass through town." Contact Kate at kflanagan@rwhitney.com.

Cary Honig '84 MAT, **Stephen Martin** '99 AM and **Christina Baker McKenrick** (see **Jennifer Borman** '85).

Julie A. Petruzzelli is a partner at Venable LLP, practicing in the area of intellectual property, and has been named to *Best Lawyers in America*.

1980

Derek Donovan retired as a colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps after twenty-six years of active-duty service. His last assignment was with the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors. He is now vice president for operations with the Fisher House Foundation, which builds comfort homes for families of wounded servicemen and women at military hospitals and VA medical centers.

David Durfee '92 PhD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Penelope Dinneen Hillemann is a senior communications counselor at Neuger Communications Group, a full-service strategic-communications firm working with clients nationwide. Penelope writes: "**Eric Hillemann** and I became amicable ex-spouses in 2006 and still live just a few blocks apart in Northfield, Minn. Our daughter **Phoebe** is a first-year student at Kenyon College, **Hallie** is in high school, and **Henry** is in second grade. I blog on a variety of environmental/greener-living

topics, including eating locally (penelopedia.com). Stop by sometime!" Contact Penelope at hillemann@neuger.com.

Elizabeth Roberts recently joined the newly formed Asperger Institute at the NYU Child Study Center. Liz is a pediatric neuropsychologist. For more information, visit www.aboutourkids.org. She lives with her daughter

ters, Sophia and Elena, in Highland Park, N.J. Contact her at lizstony@juno.com.

Debbie Bradley Ruder writes: "Things are good here in Newton, Mass., where I live with my husband, Eric, and my sons Josh, 14, and Ethan, 11. We also have two cats, Puck and Noche. I recently received an award from the American Medical Writers Association for a 2006 article I wrote for *Harvard Magazine* featuring a course at Harvard Medical School that matched first-year students with patients facing life-threatening illnesses. I am now collecting stories about good-byes at the end of life. I'd love to hear from anyone with such a story. In addition to living next door to **Elizabeth Madden Mirabile** '90, I had fun one summer weekend in Rhode Island with **Helene Miller**, her husband, **Jamie Kase** '82, and our combined six sons. Contact Debbie at deruder@rcn.com.

David Breskin lives in San Francisco with his two kids, Billie Miro and Thelonious Blue; with Ornette the dog; and with Isabel the wife, who is an art historian and author of the forthcoming novel *The Accidents of Children*. David has written seven books, most recently an epic poem called *Supermodel*. Next up, a collaboration with Ed Ruscha and Nels Cline, *Dirty Baby*, due in spring 2009. In his spare time, having taken Econ 1 at Brown (pass/fail) and passed, he runs an alternative fund-of-funds called Poetic License Partners, which invests in hedge funds and private equity funds.

Debbie Block writes: "We just celebrated the bat mitzvah of our daughter, Avital. Her brother, Kobi, is already planning for his in two years! I left teaching to focus on my consulting business full time. I provide support to institutions to make their resources accessible to educators. I spend most of my time as the director of education in the map division of the Boston Public Library, although I find myself taking on such diverse projects as writer workshops; I even helped write a national certification exam for high school history teachers. Contact me at dsblock@mattersofeducation.org or visit my Web site at mattersofeducation.org."

Jessica R. Wolff is policy director of the Campaign for Educational Equity at Teachers College, Columbia Univ. Her book with coauthor Michael Rebell, *Moving Every Child Ahead: From NCLB Hype to Meaningful Educational Opportunity*, will be published by Teachers College Press in January. She lives in New York City with her husband, Stephen Wanta (RISD '80) and her daughters, Violet, 17, and Ivy, 12. Contact her at wolff@tc.columbia.edu.

1981

Kerri Ratcliffe and Doug Henderson (Cornell '80) have been happily residing in London since 2000, and their four children are feeling enough at home to begin caring more about the Arsenal's soccer record than the Jets' football record. Visit or write to klratcliffe@aol.com.

1982

Daniel H. Hechtman moved to New York City and is working as a pediatric surgeon. His daughter Rachel graduates from high school this year. Josh, 16, and Laura, 14, are still in high school. He is looking forward to hearing from fellow alumni. Contact him at danc60@comcast.net.

"In this election season, I've had a small franchise in bipartisan foreign policy.... I let my inner partisan come out on evenings and weekends, helping Al Franken become the next U.S. senator from Minnesota."

Sean Tracey is a commercial director/creative director who just finished his first documentary film, *The Jesus Guy*. The film premiered at the Sidewalk Moving Picture Film Festival in Birmingham, Ala., in September and was screened at the New Hampshire Film Festival in early October. Sean, who's been directing television commercials for over fifteen years, has been a featured writer and advertising guru for *Boards* magazine, has taught at Emerson College in Boston, and is a frequent speaker at advertising and marketing seminars.

1983

William Brown '87 MD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Jeremy Cohen continues to work as a consultant within IBM's HR/Learning headquarters and looks forward to joining the IBM Quarter-Century Club. He writes: "Our family is doing well, with our daughter Michelle starting high school this year. I'm looking forward to the upcoming reunion and hope it will be warmer than our 20th was!" Contact Jeremy at jmcohen@alum.mit.edu.

Leslie Lawler McElwreath writes: "I am living in Greenwich, Conn., my home since 1988, with my husband and two children, Margot, 14, and Emmet, 11. I sell residential real estate for Sotheby's. I am definitely attending our 25th Reunion and am looking

forward to seeing you all then." Contact Leslie at lmcelwreath@aol.com.

Nicole Yankelovich Mordecai writes: "My husband, David, and our 9-year-old daughter, Rachel, live with me and our two Portuguese water dogs in Weston, Mass. I still work at Sun Microsystems in the research labs, and after 16 years I still love it. My most recent project is an open-source virtual environment for business and education called Project Wonderland (wonderland.dev.java.net)." Contact Nicole at nicole@mordecai.ws.

Mary Lynn Raggenbass-Metayer writes: "I'm still in the mergers and acquisitions arena after all these years, although I am now self-employed and enjoying it. I recently enrolled in an art history course (in German) and have developed an affinity for early Christian art

and architecture. Would love to attend the reunion in May and revisit my favorite haunts, including the Ivy Room, where I spent countless formative hours, and Sayles Hall, with its fond memories of midnight concerts during reading period. I'm trying to get my Swiss husband equally geared up for the reunion (anyone out there having a similar experience explaining the vagaries of class reunions to someone who has not been through our system?). Greetings from Zurich." Contact Mary Lynn at mlraggenbass@bluewin.ch.

David Shorr writes: "In this election season, I've had a small franchise in bipartisan foreign policy; one of my Stanley Foundation projects resulted in a new book, *Bridging the Foreign Policy Divide*. I let my inner partisan come out on evenings and weekends, helping Al Franken become the next U.S. senator from Minnesota." David can be reached at david.shorr@gmail.com.

Lucienne Thys-Senocak writes: "I continue to teach in the archaeology and history of art department at Koc Univ. in Istanbul and am directing the restoration project of an Ottoman fortress at the entrance to the Dardanelles. My book, *Ottoman Women Builders: The Architectural Patronage of Hadice Turhan Sultan*, came out last spring. My husband, Dogan, and I are busy with our daughters, Natali Rezan, 16, and Beatrice Selen, 14, our large Anatolian sheep dog, and our parrot, as well as a small

LAURA STANLEY '82, '87 MAT

The Czar of Trans Fats

Why Big Brother wants to save you from your own gluttony.

LAURA STANLEY '82, '87 MAT SPENT LAST SUMMER NIBBLING CAKE, PIE CRUSTS, and pastries. By summer's end, she figured she had sampled forty different baked goods, assessing them for texture, color, and taste. She was doing it to save New Yorkers' lives.

Stanley, a longtime food writer, is the director of New York City's Trans Fat Help Center, although she's more widely known as the city's "trans-fat czar." Her job is to help New York's 30,000 food-service establishments comply with a strict new law banning the use of all but tiny amounts of trans fats in the food they serve. Most trans fats are unsaturated fats—made by partially hydrogenating plant oils—whose high melting point make them particularly useful for baking. They're cheaper and have a longer shelf life than natural fats, which makes them ideal for mass-produced products that need to sit on a store shelf for a long time. Trans fats, Stanley says, are "entrenched in the way we bake."

Unfortunately, trans fats also raise the body's LDL, or "bad" cholesterol, level and have been linked to coronary heart disease. While that link is almost univer-

sally accepted by scientists, less conclusive studies suggest that trans fats may also increase the risk of cancer, diabetes, liver dysfunction, and even infertility. "The evidence is absolutely solid," Stanley says, referring to the coronary studies. "Trans fat is bad for us."

Late last year New York became the first city in the country to ban trans fats. In July, restaurants were banned from using them for frying, and next July no one in New York City will be able to make or sell baked goods containing trans fats.

What's a baker to do? That question is what drove Stanley's summer



Laura Stanley tastes trans-fat-free oils, one fry at a time.

cake-eating frenzy, which was a search for viable trans-fat alternatives. Certain fats made from palm oil struck her as good alternatives; at least they passed her taste test. "The differences between these fats and trans fats were negligible," she says.

New York is fining restaurants between \$200 and \$10,000 for failing to comply with the new law, and Stanley and her staff have been fielding calls from "bakers who are completely freaked out," she says. "They don't know what they are going to do." So she eats. Her goal is point cooks toward options that are affordable and will have a minimal effect on the taste of their wares, she says.

Since New York outlawed trans fats, several other local governments have followed suit, including ones in Philadelphia and in Long Island's Nassau County. Massachusetts is considering a statewide ban. "I'm very nervous about this," Stanley says, "but also very excited. What we're doing is already resonating so much. The world is following."

—L. G.

vineyard we started four years ago near the north Aegean village of Assos. I help organize alumni in Turkey and enjoyed taking my daughters on a visit to the campus last summer. I hope to be at the 25th reunion. If any alumni are passing through Istanbul, please let me know." Contact Lucienne at 86 Dogru Muvakkithane Sokak Emirgan, Istanbul, Turkey; lsenocak@ku.edu.tr.

1984

Jeff Cogen writes: "After being a political junkie my whole life, I finally decided to run for office last year. I got elected as a Multnomah County (Portland, Ore.) commissioner in November 2006 and it's been great so far. I live in Portland with my wife, Lisa Pellegrino (Northwestern '85), and my two kids: Johanna, 10, and Alex, 8. I often see **Tina Kolpakowski** and her daughter, Zoe, who is 12 and baby-sits for my kids. Last week I saw my doctor, **Barb Resnick**, who is married to **Drew Smith**. I'm still loving this misty little city."

W. Thomas Hoyt writes: "On October 20, I celebrated my 45th birthday with a pig roast hosted by fellow Phi-Delter **Gian-Mario Mangieri** '85 and his wife, Vivian, at their 12-acre wooded estate on Long Island's North Fork. I was joined by family and friends, including **Liza Handman-Boone**, **Rich Hawkes**, and another Phi Delter, **Erik Assarsson**. We all look forward to hearing from other old friends so we can invite you to the next pig roast." Contact Thomas at thoytca@cox.net.

Maureen Mulligan has been named cochair of the litigation section of the Boston Bar Association. Mulligan is a shareholder at Ruberto, Israel & Weiner, P.C.

1985

Jennifer Borman has been selected as the new Head of School for School One, an independent high school located on the East Side of Providence. She joins School One's assistant Head of School, **Cary Honig** '79 '84 MAT. She also joins eight full-time faculty members, three of whom are Brown graduates: **Stephen Martin** '79, '99 AM, **Christina Baker McKenrick** '79, and **Erin Egan** '91 MAT.

Jeff Measelle (see **David Lichtenstein** '99).

Nathan J. Hochman has been nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as assistant attorney general (tax division) at the U.S. Department of Justice.

1986

Allison R. Polly launched On The Mend, a new business geared to the needs of female chemotherapy patients. The business was featured on *The View* in October.

1987

Scott Buchanan and his wife, Kirsten, welcomed their fourth child in September 2007. Nathaniel joins Avery, Ella, and Cole.

Ben Phillips writes: "After more than ten years with Catholic Relief Services, the last four and a half in Uganda, I have switched employer and continent—taking a position as Central Asia Director of Save the Children. I'm based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, which is quite a change, but my wife, Lorena Alvarez, and our girls, Laura, 7, and Carmen, 4, are adjusting reasonably well; the girls really like their new school. I'm still learning about my environment, but it's a fascinating blend of Islamic, post-Soviet, and Western influences washed down with a healthy dose of vodka. I am struggling to learn a bit of Russian, and all of us are a bit nervous about the prospect of winter after the last 14 years spent living in tropical latitudes. Any alumni who happen to pass through while traveling down the old Silk Road are welcome to stop by." Contact Ben at bphillips@savechildren.tj.

Valerie Tutson '90 AM (see **Justin Green** '48).

1988

Lynn Wells Bowman and her husband, Kevin, are raising two teenagers in southern Massachusetts. Lynn teaches eighth grade and directs a summer institute for middle school teachers at the Gordon School in East Providence. Contact her at lbowman@gordonschool.org.

"I'm still learning about my environment in Tajikistan, but it's a fascinating blend of Islamic, post-Soviet, and Western influences washed down with a healthy dose of vodka."

Brad Choyt writes: "Greetings, everyone. I have moved to Bali to be the director of the School for Life, a new school for pre-K through 12 students focused on a holistic curriculum. My wife, Charlotte, and two children, Tobias and Thea, are making the transition from New York City to a

community just outside of Ubud, Bali's cultural capital. Learn more about the school at TheSchoolForLife.org. And let me know if you'd like to visit us in Bali."

Sue Cook writes: "I'm still teaching anthropology at the Univ. of Pretoria but have recently joined the Royal Bafokeng Institute in South Africa to work on rural education reform—taking me right back to Ted Sizer's classes!"

Mark Feldman writes: "I have two fabulous kids, Ethan, 12, and Charlotte, 10, and live in Newton, Mass. with my wife, Nikki. Nikki and I are having fun growing our business-strategy firm, the Cause Consulting Group, which advises Fortune 500 companies on corporate social responsibility and philanthropy practices. We work on a range of pressing issues, including environmental sustainability, access to clean drinking water, and youth development. Life is wonderfully busy. Please e-mail me at mfeldman@causeconsulting.com."

Joshua Goldstein (see **Isabel Jackson Freeman** '69).

Hannah Gosnell writes: "I'm starting my second year as an assistant professor of geography in the geosciences department at Oregon State, researching and teaching about land-use change, natural-resource management, and rural sustainability in the American West. My husband, John Schneider, is the PE teacher at a private school in town, and daughters Emma, 6, and Phoebe, 4, are

doing well at the local Waldorf School. We're all enjoying Corvallis and the surrounding Oregon landscape very much and would love to hear from friends at gosnellh@geo.oregonstate.edu. I'm hoping to see a lot of you at our 20th reunion!"

Jim Leahey writes: "My wife, Kira, and

Rich and Poor **David Saltzman** '84 has turned the charity he heads, the Robin Hood Foundation, into one of the most influential philanthropic organizations in history, the November issue of *New York* magazine reported. Robin Hood, which funds programs to fight poverty in New York City, has attracted some of the city's most prominent citizens to its board, including hedge fund investor Steven Cohen, children's advocate Marian Wright Edelman, and actor Gwyneth Paltrow. The magazine reported that the organization's 2007 annual gala was attended by 4,000 people and netted a stunning \$71 million for the charity.

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I are happy to announce the March 7, 2007, birth of our daughter, Alexa Marie Leahey. Alexa joins her big brothers, Brendan, 5, and Colin, 3. We recently relocated to the Bay Area where I work for the Oakland Athletics." Jim can be reached at leaheyfamily@yahoo.com.

Nick Rhind writes: "I have been back on the East Coast for six years, having taken a faculty position in the biochemistry department at UMass Medical School in Worcester. My lab studies cell cycle in yeast. We tell the government we are going to cure cancer, but mostly the work is just fun. Two years ago I married Lucienne Ronco, who, as director of cell biology at AstraZeneca, really is curing cancer. This summer we adopted a little boy from Guatemala. Anthony Pedro turned one on October 17, 2007. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion."

Wendy Taylor writes: "My husband, Branch Taylor, and I are still happily living in Washington, D.C. I was recently promoted to chief marketing officer of my law firm, Hogan and Hartson. I love my job, as I get to travel all over the world. We would love to hear from friends in the D.C. area." Contact Wendy at skibranch@aol.com.

Lauren Westreich writes: "2007 was a year full of major milestones. I gave birth to twins: a girl, Greta, and a boy, Nathaniel. Bob and I moved into our new house and my business, Every Dog Has Its Day Care, turned ten! Life has been hectic but fabulous." Contact Lauren at lauren@everydog.com.

Stephen Zilber and his wife, Sivi Ruder, announce the June 3, 2007, birth of daughter Isabella June Nima Ruder-Zilber. Stephen continues his practice of acupuncture and Chinese medicine at the Whole Health Associates Center for Integrative Medicine in San Rafael, Calif. Sivi has completed her doctoral course work in counseling psychology and is enjoying life as a new mother. Contact Stephen at pindocor@wholehealth.tv.

Good for the Wallet

Zoe Foods, the natural foods company founded and owned by **Tori Stuart** '87, has reached annual retail sales of \$3 million, the *Boston Globe* reported in November. According to the *Globe*, Stuart got the idea for the eight-year-old company when her mother told her she was eating flaxseed and soy to deal with her hot flashes. Zoe makes granola cereal and bars filled with ground flaxseed, soy, omega-3, fiber, and protein.

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1989

Alyson Yashar and her husband, James Goldfarb, celebrated the October 20, 2007, birth of a son, Andrew, who joins Lily, 2, and Alexander, 1, at their home in Saddle River, N.J. A son, Benjamin, was also born that day to **Howie Kornstein** '93 MD and his wife, Natalia, who live in Scarsdale, N.Y., with Benjamin, Samuel, 3, and Orly 2. Alyson and Howie are both ophthalmologists and R.I. natives. They and their families look forward to planning birthday parties together in the future.

Naline Lai writes to announce the wedding of her sister **Melisa Lai** '94, '99 MD to Sean Becker (Cornell '91) on April 28, 2007. The bride and groom were featured in *USA Today* on July 1 for their unique wedding reception site: Fenway Park in Boston. Alumni present included Naline, who was maid of honor, and her brother-in-law **Paul Rehmet**. The Brown Tones, the a cappella group which Naline helped found in 1992, serenaded the couple. The group included members **Genevieve Kopil** '07, **Kim Gemme** '09, **Betsy Wilson** '08, **Rhiannon Kopynec** '07, **Sonia Nayak** '08, **Tara Gonsalves** '08, **Soyoung Park** '09, **Allie Sevy** '08, **Sandra Allen** '09, **Caroline Straty** '10, and **Katie Harty** '09. Also attending were **Harold Demopoulos** '46, **Julianne Ip** '75, '78 MD, **Amelia Demopoulos** '90, **Resa E. Lewiss** '92, **Sonia Sujin Chung** '93, '98 MD, **Sue Chien** '94, **Abigail Demopoulos** '94, **Wendy Doran-Paley** '94, **Nisha Gupta** '94, '98 MD, **Jenna Sheinfeld** '94, **Tegan Blaine** '95, **Christine Huo** '95, '99 MD, **Felix Lui** '95, '99 MD, **Bonnie Meguid** '95, **Jack Rozel** '95, '99 MD, **Laurie Schlesinger** '95, **Jill Wolfson** '95, **Kavita Babu** '96, '00 MD, **Matt Harvey** '97, **Elisha Anderson** '98, **Sue Saks Walker** '99 MD, **Rachel Spaulding** '00 and **Jimmy Carroll** '06 MD. The couple lives in the Boston area and can be reached at melisa.lai@alumni.brown.edu.

Autumn Latimore and her husband, Gregory Schienke (Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Univ. of Virginia, Marquette Univ. Law School), announce the birth of their daughter, Winter Marie Schienke. They write: "Though Winter was born in Decem-

ber 2006, navigating the world of Elmo and the Backyardigans has only allowed mom to recently surface. Plans are in the works for a sibling. Drop Autumn and Winter a line at leavesfall@alumni.brown.edu."

Teresa Ferguson McLaughlin writes: "We're still in New York City but moved last year to the Upper East Side to be closer to our twin girls' school. Ciara and Maeve are now in first grade at Chapin." Contact Teresa at 145 E. 81st St., #7E, New York City 10028; tia-mclaughlin@hotmail.com.

Aleta Margolis is the founder and executive director of Center for Inspired Teaching, a D.C.-based nonprofit that serves teachers throughout the metro area. Her organization was featured in the September 10 *Washington Post* in an article entitled "Center Focuses on Teachers, Not Test Scores."

Craig Pohlman's *Revealing Minds: Assessing to Understand and Support Struggling Learners* was published in August 2007. The foreword was written by **Melinda Levine de Lisle** '61.

1990

Elizabeth Madden Mirabile (see **Debbie Bradley Ruder** '80).

Robert M. Pollock writes: "I'm semi-retiring soon. I will spend half my time in New York City and the other half in Belize designing and developing vacation condos." Contact Robert at 50 W 153rd. St., New York City 10031; Micpollock@aol.com.

1991

Hanna Tikkanen Merk and **Alexander Merk** '92 ScM announce the birth of their fourth child, Karoline Lotta Orvokki. Little "Lina" joins the unstoppable musketeers Felix, Helena, and Katarina at their Silicon Valley home. Besides building a family, they are busy growing Merk Investments. Visitors are most welcome! Contact Hanna at hanna@merkonline.com.

Marisa Rosenberg Thalberg writes: "We are overdue in announcing the April 15, 2006, birth of our second daughter, Avery

Lila, whose older sister, Hannah, is almost 7. My husband, David, and I live with the girls in Manhattan, where I am now heading global online marketing for the Estee Lauder Companies and continue to run my organization, Executive Moms (executivemoms.com). I've been a frequent media 'expert' on working mothers (though is anyone, really?). However, a recent highlight was being profiled on unicef.org. I would love to hear from classmates." Contact Marisa at 670 West End Ave. #3B, New York City 10025; marisa@executivemoms.com.

Gayle Weiswasser writes: "The class of 1991 is hoping to stay in better touch and wants to track down lost classmates. If you aren't getting our class newsletters via e-mail, please send your updated info., including e-mail address, to brownclassof1991@yahoo.com. Thanks!"

1992

Andrew Curtis and his wife, Alexandra, announce the birth of their second child, Ben Colcord Curtis. Ben joins big sister Sophie.

Thad Williamson writes: "Adria Scharf (Swarthmore '94) and I announce the July 21, 2007, birth of our daughter, Sahara Scharf Williamson, here in Richmond, Va. I am teaching political science and leadership studies at the Univ. of Richmond, while Adria is director of the Richmond Peace Education Center. We see several other recent Brown transplants regularly, including **Noah Sachs** '93, **Nicole Sackley** '94, and **Melissa Labonte** '99, '06 Ph.D." Contact Thad at twillia9@richmond.edu.

Jeff Wolfson, an intellectual property lawyer, has joined the Haynes and Boone LLP, Washington, D.C., office.

1993

Eileen Anderson-Fye writes: "Along with my husband, Chris, I am thrilled to announce the December 4, 2006, birth of our second child, Claudia Grace. She and big sister Tabatha, 3, adore each other. I also just moved my primary appointment to Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, where I am assistant professor of anthropology and associate director of the Schubert Center for Child Studies. I am retaining a position in the Center for Culture and Health in Psychiatry at UCLA, so it's a good thing the girls love airplanes!"

Jennifer Chapin writes: "Iran A. Bachman and Ji-Suk Lee were good friends and

suitmates who gave us all a tremendous amount of love and laughter in their sparkling but too short lives. Both died of illness; Iran at Brown in 1991 and Ji in California in 1997. We are trying to keep their memories alive with the Iran A. Bachman and Ji-Suk Lee Scholarship, which will benefit a minority student in need. Classmates wishing to remember Iran and Ji this way can send their donations to Brown University, Box 1877, Providence R.I. 02912, with Iran A. Bachman and Ji-Suk Lee Scholarship noted on the check. For more information about the scholarship and past recipients, and to allow me to keep a tally of donations made for our 15th reunion, please write to jen@jenchapin.com. It would be great to have participation that reflects our deep love and happy memories of Iran and Ji."

Linda Lam writes: "I married William Brigida at Heceta Head Lighthouse in central Oregon on September 8, 2007. We are living in Pasadena, Calif. Bill works at Deloitte in Los Angeles, and I am still an assistant professor at the USC medical school. Old friends and classmates, please e-mail me at bellelu@yahoo.com"

Doreen Odom writes: "We would like to invite you to join us in creating a campus memorial in honor of **Cristina Maria Riegos**. Cristina was unequivocally engaged and passionately interested in ideas, people, and connections. This

"My lab studies cell cycle in yeast. We tell the government we are going to cure cancer, but mostly the work is just fun."

sharp-tongued and witty Brunonian was tenacious and defiant, socially conscious and very proud of her Cuban and Mexican roots. She was determined to make her mark in society. She graduated summa cum laude, and her senior thesis, 'The Fire Esta Vez: Latinos, the L.A. Riots, and the Transformation of Urban Space,' won the American Sociological Association Latino Studies Section student paper award. Driven by a commitment to community and social justice, Cristina enrolled in a PhD program in sociology at UCLA after Brown and worked as a field officer for City Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, as well as, for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA). Cristina died from lymphoma in 1998 at the age of 27." For more information on the memorial or to make a donation,

please contact Doreen Odom at 171 Clermont Ave., Apt. 51, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205; dkodom@yahoo.com.

Dena Hyman Utne and her husband, Olve Utne, announce the September 2007 birth of Hannah Sarina Utne. They are living at 63 degrees north in Tustna, Norway, and can be reached at deh@alumni.brown.edu.

Ryan and Susan Smith Walsh announce the July 29, 2007, birth of twins Sally Anne and Sean Christopher. They write: "Older brother Conor, 4, has taken time out of his busy T-ball schedule to help out with the new twins, and older sister Claire, 20 months, is pretty sure that the new babies can stay, at least for now. Everyone is alive and well, albeit a bit sleepy. Both parents look forward to life slowing down in about 18 years. Donations to the Walsh college fund are currently being accepted at 981 Northclife Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30318." Contact Ryan and Susan at rkwalsh@duanemorris.com or sswalsh@bellsouth.net.

John A. Wooden writes: "My wife, Anna Liza Bella (Yale '93), and I are thrilled to announce the June 26, 2007, birth of Simone

Bella Wooden. After ten years in Park Slope, Brooklyn, we felt somehow obligated to exacerbate the sidewalk stroller-jam crisis." Contact John at jwooden@gmail.com.

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Brian Bernhardt writes: "Glenda Wucher (Ohio Wesleyan '00) and I were married September 2, 2007, in Richmond, Va. Glenda's father performed the ceremony at Congregation Beth Ahabah, the sixth-oldest Jewish congregation in the United States. **Todd Wehmann** and **Bonnie, Kathleen Nering, Ari Glazer** and **Stephanie, James Kim '95,** and **Dusty Horwitt**, along with many other family and friends, joined us for a beautiful Labor Day weekend. After the wedding, Glenda and I spent two weeks in Vancouver, Whistler Mountain, and on a cruise around

Giving Birth The *Wall Street Journal* reported in November that **Liz Lange '88** sold her majority stake in her business Liz Lange Maternity to private equity firm Bluestar. According to the *Journal*, the deal was valued at \$40 to \$50 million and will let Lange focus more on designing.

Alaska. Glenda recently started working as the community relations manager for the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond, and I am still a tax lawyer at McGuireWoods. We recently bought a new house in the country and have plenty of space for guests, so please give us a call if you're in the area." Contact Brian at 8406 Valley Wood Rd. Richmond, Va. 23229; (804) 775-7819 (work), (804) 310-5799 (home); bbernhardt@mcguirewoods.com.

Rachel Brem (see **Marcella Bombarrieri '99**).

Sue Chien, Abigail Demopoulos, Wendy Doran-Paley, Nisha Gupta '98 MD, and **Jenna Sheinfeld** (see **Naline Lai '89**).

Karen Grace Corken and her husband, David, announce the April 17, 2007, birth of Thomas Alexander. Big sister Eleanor, 2, is his biggest fan. Karen works for Teach For America in Chicago.

Geoff Griffin and his wife, Sheri, are raising two girls in Providence. Geoff is working at the Gordon School in East Providence and continues to perform as half of the duo the Sentimental Favorites.

Ruth N. Grimmert can be reached at 204 South Reeves Dr. #7, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212; rngrimmert@hotmail.com.

Jenny Jensen moved to the Netherlands from Minnesota in August. She writes: "My 5-year-old already speaks more Dutch than I do! I'm continuing my U.S. family-travel business while I wait for a work permit. Friends are welcome to add us to their European tour!" Contact her at jenny@globalfamily-adventures.com.

Jon Pressment has joined the litigation practice of Haynes and Boone LLP as Of Counsel in its New York City office. Jon, formerly with Hughes Hubbard Reed, has broad experience focused in complex commercial litigation.

Scott A. Robinson writes: "My wife, Nina, and I are proud to announce the April 5, 2007, birth of our son, Jack Brando, in Berlin, Germany. Jack's first cousin is **John Loeser '10**. Nina and I continue our careers as foreign-service officers; we are assigned to the U.S. embassy in Beijing. Since coming to China, we have enjoyed visits from **Chris Rusay '92** and **Jonathan Wellerstein '92**. We are grateful for the enduring friendship

of **Praveen Fernandes**."

Jessica Teisch married Michael Rosenberg (UC Berkeley '92) in July. They live in Oakland, Calif., where Jessica continues to work for *Bookmarks* magazine and an environmental consulting firm. She would love to hear from old friends at jteisch@nature.berkeley.edu.

Evan Wender and his wife, Irina, announce the September 20, 2007, birth of Naava Rachel Wender. They write: "Work is hectic, but life is wonderful." Contact Evan at etw@beverlyhillslaw.com.

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Tegan Blaine, **Christine Huo** '99 MD, **Felix Lui** '99 MD, **Bonnie Meguid**, **Jack Rozel** '99 MD, **Laurie Schlesinger**, and **Jill Wolfson** (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Ellen Capon married Bertolt Sobolik in a small ceremony at St. Paul's Chapel on the Columbia campus August 25, 2007. She writes: "Undeterred by the scorching NYC weather, the 40 guests walked to a nearby restaurant, Terrace in the Sky, for a private rooftop reception with cocktails, live jazz, and the requisite dinner, toasting, and revelry. Among the guests were 'man of honor' **Grant Pavolka** '96, **David** '96 and **Vanessa Zimmerman-Wise** '97, **Jessie Glass**, **Valerie Bernstein** '98, **Amanda Margulies** '96, and **Charlie Alterman** '97, who also sang and played piano at the ceremony. Following a fabulous honeymoon in Santorini and London, we currently enjoy married life on the Upper West Side of Manhattan."

Ellen Korobow Deringer writes: "My husband, Josh Deringer (Penn '96, Fordham Law '00), and I are thrilled to announce the August 29, 2007, birth of Gabriel Ezra. Gabe joins big sister Sasha, 2. We are all doing great and adjusting to suburban living, having moved from Philadelphia proper to Bryn Mawr, Pa., a few weeks prior to Gabe's birth. I am still a lawyer in the personal law group at Morgan Lewis, doing estate planning and family-business succession." Contact Ellen at ederinger@morganlewis.com.

Tracey Holloway writes: "I got married in August to a wonderful guy—Paul Schilling (Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison '92). We are happily living in Madison, where I'm in my fifth year as an assistant professor in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the university. Helping us celebrate our marriage were many Brown friends: **Mike** and **Joan Morris DiMicco**, **Kate Magnuson**, **Beth**

Ryder, **Sara Tracy**, and incoming Brown faculty member Meredith Hastings." Contact Tracey at taholloway@wisc.edu.

Sharmila Rao Thakkar and her husband, Rakesh, announce the September 18, 2007, birth of Shiv. She writes: "He joins proud big sister Anika, who turned three in November. We still live in downtown Chicago and would love to hear from classmates and friends." Contact her at sharmila@alumni.brown.edu.

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Kavita Babu '00 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Rose S. Cohen and her husband, Emiliano Raphael Berenbaum (NYU '97), announce the August 24, 2006, birth of their daughter, Sofia Esther Berenbaum. She writes: "She is delicious, and we are enjoying our new family tremendously. I am a senior cardiology fellow at the Columbia University Medical Center and living in New York City. Please contact me at wahashtina@yahoo.com."

Suzanne Fisher Fox has moved back to Providence and is working as the middle school librarian at the Gordon School. She is joined by husband **Chris Fox**, daughter Jane Fox, and friend/housemate **Ken Liu** '98. Suzanne can be reached at sfox@gordonschool.org.

Cynthia Freeman (see **Isabel Jackson Freeman** '69).

Maggie Cho Hastings and her husband, Don Hastings, announce the August 15, 2007, birth of their daughter, Anna Joy, in Chiangmai, Thailand, where they were also married. They live in Southeast Asia working to combat the growing AIDS problem. Contact them at P.O.Box 27, Chiangmai, 50000, Thailand.

Lisa Israeli Isaacs and her husband, Dan, announce the September 10, 2007, birth of their third daughter, Mae Shoshana. She writes: "Eve and Tali love being big sisters!" Contact her at lisa@izzy.com.

Sanjay Naik '00 MD writes: "My wife, Nandini, and I announce the July 12, 2007, arrival of our first child, Manu Kishan. He he has already filled us with a lifetime of joy and smiles." Contact Sanjay at sanjayd-naik@yahoo.com.

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Matt Di Guglielmo writes: "**Christie Walters** and I were sad to miss our 10th reunion this past spring, but we had a good excuse:

Addison Grace was born June 4, and her impending arrival kept us at home. Big sister Charlotte is fond of giving her kisses. Over the summer we managed to connect with **Marc Hildenbrand** and his family, newlyweds **Melissa Rollenhagen** and **Ryan Crista** '96, and **Doug Applewhite**. We also made it to campus to show Charlotte around our favorite haunts. I have completed pediatric residency and began private practice in September. Christie continues as an associate for Weil, Gotshal & Manges. Any friends passing through Delaware should e-mail a hello and plan to visit!" Contact Matt at mdigug@mac.com.

Matt Harvey (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Kimberly Burkland Pray married David Pray (SUNY Buffalo '95) on August 11 in Trout Lake, Wash. **Rachel Mercer** was the maid of honor. Kim is finishing her third year at Gonzaga Univ. Law School and will move home to Portland, Ore., in the coming year. Kim would love to hear from her Brown friends and can be reached at kimberly.pray@gmail.com.

Shintaro Okamoto was profiled in the *New York Times Magazine* (nytimes.com/2007/08/26/magazine/26food-t.html). He writes: "I founded and run Okamoto Studio, working with ice to create a wide range of designs for the event industry in New York City and beyond."

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Elisha Anderson (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Sandy Kent Carielli writes: "Mike and I welcomed our first child, Jocelyn Marie Carielli, on October 5 at 9:04 p.m. Jocelyn arrived at 20 in., 7 lbs. 8 oz. She is absolutely beautiful and is happily getting to know her new family. We still live in Somerville, Mass. I'm on maternity leave, and Mike has recently changed his job. Drop us a line; we'd love to hear from you!" Contact Sandy at carielli@alumni.brown.edu.

Willow Darsie writes: "I'm living in Singapore earning my MPA at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and enjoying myself immensely. Despite the distance, I do plan on returning to Providence for our 10th reunion. In fact, I'm serving as a class officer this year. Feel free to send me any reunion suggestions or concerns at willow.darsie@alumni.brown.edu. I can't wait to see everyone in May!"

Alexei Doohovskoy writes: "In January 2007 we welcomed our second child, Ilya. I have been freelancing in the Boston area performing with the Boston Symphony and

Boston Pops, and touring frequently with the Empire Brass Quintet. I also have a successful private studio, teaching roughly sixty students. I am also a teaching associate in the Brown music department. Recently, a concert I played with the Air Force Band and Empire Brass was filmed for broadcast on PBS." Contact Alexei at 11 Crane Ave., Maynard, Mass. 01754; adtrombone@aol.com.

Abigail Ross Goodman announces the birth of her second daughter, Hannah Ellis Goodman, in June 2007.

Stewart Kesmodel and Jamie Schwartz (Colorado College '00) were married at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., on June 16, 2007. Serving as groomsmen in the wedding were **Sam Brewer, Bennett Dear, Ron Hoenig, Peter Kleeb-latt, Roman Knysch, and Hal Woodcome**. Other friends in attendance included **Erik Augustson, Dave Brown, Justin Clavadetscher, Dan D'Onofrio, Susan Gardinier, Kevin Gottehrer, Jeff Gould, Mike Schreiber, Katherine Scott, Mike Sheehy, Owen Tully, Chris Vedro, Ryan Wulff, Lee Khan '97, Scott Douglass '97, Rena Hansen '97, and Kellie MacDougall Lawler '99**. Stewart and Jamie met while living and working in New York City. Stewart is an executive director in the Equity Capital Markets group at UBS Investment Bank and Jamie is pursuing her masters in clinical nutrition at NYU. Contact Stewart at stewart.kesmodel@ubs.com.

Bear Korngold, a licensed clinical psychologist in San Francisco, has launched a private practice. Bear specializes in psychotherapy and consultation with adult individuals and couples and has particular expertise in marital and relationship therapy. Contact him at bear@drkorngold.net.

Samantha Berger Kravitz and **Eric Kravitz '97** live in Barrington, R.I. They teach at the Gordon School in East Providence, which their two children attend.

Rashmi Licht '02 MD can be reached at 56 Wingate Rd., Providence 02906.

Cort Malone writes: "I recently published my first novel, *Chasing Hunter*, a thriller about a young New York City attorney framed for murder by the Russian mafia. The book features cameo appearances by several classmates and professors, including **David Fauvre, Michael Butler, and Al Lairson**, all of whom provided me with editing advice along the way. I work as an attorney in Manhattan (much like the main character in my novel), and would love to hear from old friends and classmates at

cmalone12776@yahoo.com."

Joanna Mareth writes: "I married Martin Cesare Valeri (Kenyon College '98) on September 1, 2007, in a beautiful sunshine-filled ceremony in Seattle. Friends in attendance included **Sarah Faulkner Hugenberger, Anna Thomas Bates, Paul Nelson, Dina Koutas Poch, David Poch '02 MD, Jessica Halvorson Skelton '99, Hannah Purdy '99, Christina Perez '97, and Marc Vogl '95**. After our honeymoon visiting some of Martin's long-lost relatives in Abruzzo, Italy, I started work as a first-year associate at K&L Gates law firm in Seattle, and Martin entered the master's program in environmental engineering at the Univ. of Washington. Contact me at jmareth@alumni.brown.edu."

Alison Rosenthal (see **Jason Sobel '02**).

Monika Srivastava writes: "I married Kunal Shah (NYU '97, Rutgers Law '06) on August 11, 2007. We had a splendid four-day traditional Hindu wedding ceremony in my hometown of Amherst, N.Y. Alumni present included my sister **Savita Srivastava '97, Sumona Saha '02 MD, Seema Saini '97, '01 MD, Nazleen Bharmal, Sameer Saini '95, '01 MD and Colin Gregoire**. We live in NYC. I am in private-practice dermatology. We look forward to hearing from old friends." Contact Monika at svram01@gmail.com.

Molly Shabica Tankoano can be reached at dedougou@hotmail.com.

Annie London Tcherepnin and her husband, Nick, welcomed a daughter, Clara, in September. They also have a 2-year-old son, Peter. They live in Manhattan, where Annie is working on a master's in nutrition at Columbia.

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Derrick Barnes and his wife, Alisa (Cornell '02), announce the September 15, 2007, birth of Nathaniel Allen Barnes. They would love to hear from classmates they have lost touch with at barnes_derrick@yahoo.com.

Marcella Bombardieri writes, "I am delighted to report that Laura Brem is now **Laura Brem Silberman!** On May 20 Laura married Reuben Silberman (Yale '00), the math teacher/poet of her dreams, in a beautiful ceremony in Washington, D.C. The bride and groom elegantly wove together Jewish traditions with words of wisdom from *Paradise Lost*, Pablo Neruda, and Winnie the Pooh. Joining me in the wedding procession were **Esta Whitman Bernstein '41, Amy Bernstein Brem '66, and Rachel**

Brem '94. Keeping Laura company on the dance floor all night were **Mary Clark, Dev-aleena Das Ullah, Andrea Delbanco, Jeremy Derfner, Micah Greenberg, Elspeth Healey, Alex Low, Paru Patrawalla, Julie Roth '04 MD, and Jeremy Giller '98**. Laura and Reuben then embarked on a two-month honeymoon through Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia. Laura would love to hear from you at laura.silberman@gmail.com."

Melissa Labonte '06 PhD (see **Thad Williamson '92**).

Josh Lawrence writes: "I am excited to announce that I married Stefanie Tjaden (Dartmouth '00) on September 8, 2007, in Northeast Harbor, Maine. In attendance were **Rick Bettan '01, Josh Edelglass, Dan Epstein '00, Joel Grossman, Andrew Ho, Josh Mandel, Andrew Mirsky '00 ScM, and Seth Orkand**. We are now settled into our new apartment in London. I look forward to seeing everybody on campus for the 9th straight year since graduation. I'll be one of the guys wearing a seersucker suit. Keep in touch at josh.lawrence.99@alumni.brown.edu."

David Lichtenstein writes: "After a weekend of eating, singing, rearranging chairs, driving a golf cart, jumping into a quarry, and enjoying pleasant conversation, **Becca Silver** and I were married on September 2, 2007, in Plainfield, Mass. Our wedding was held in a birch grove and featured a musical processional created by Becca's brother, Micah (Wesleyan '03), and performed by our friends and family. We were blessed by **Jonas Parker**, serenaded by **Matthew O'Brien '04 MD**, and toasted by **Jason Marsh** and **Meredith Milet**. We were also blessed to have in attendance **Kelly Coleman, Hannah Blitzblau, Rebecca Trent, Rebecca Chernock, Brittany Kesselman, Simran Sethi '00, LeRoy Danielson '00, Daniel Berman, Daniel Morgenroth, Benjamin Castleman '00, Joshua Torpey, Jennifer Plaut '02, Anna Akerman, Sarah Bruner '00, Lissett Ferreira, Caitlin Chestnut, Celeste Perri, Haley Mears, Rebecca Lowther Harrington, Amy Elkes Simon, Merrill Stubbs, Jeff Measelle '85, Kristin Hayes '77, '77 AM, and Christina O'Connor '02 MAT**. We have recently finished PhDs in psychology from the Univ. of Oregon, and are taking time to travel to New Zealand and improve our Spanish in Mexico. In the spring it's back to clinical work and research, we hope at a medical center in the Northeast. We also have an enthusiastic black Labrador, Cassidy, who was bitter because she could not attend the wedding." Contact David at davenbecca@gmail.com.

SEAN HEYWOOD '00 & KUMI WALKER '00

A Cut Above

You want a scotch and a shoe shine with your trim?

"A WHITE DOCTOR, ASIAN LAWYER, AND AFRICAN AMERICAN businessman meet at a bar. What do they have in common?"

The correct answer, according to Sean Heywood '00 and Kumi Walker '00, is that they all get haircuts. "It's a greater commonality than coffee, music, or political affiliations," says Heywood. So it only stands to reason, he says, that "you could build an entire business where haircuts served as the common pull."

What he and Walker have created in San Francisco's financial district is a better barbershop. Called "MR.," as in "mister," it's got a bar with a 100-inch flat-screen TV, a shoeshine stand, and a store that sells cigar accessories and cashmere socks. And, yes, of course, there are barber chairs—high-backed numbers with black leather seats, each with its own TV for the client's viewing pleasure. In essence, the one-year-old barbershop-cum-social club is a place where yuppies can grab a drink and network, all while getting an excellent haircut and shave.

Heywood says the shop attracts customers from every race, ethnicity, and age group. Happy hours, he says, draw as many women as men. Getting a haircut really does turn out to be the great unifier. It's even reached the point, Heywood says, where "the unofficial word on the street with women is that MR. is a good place to meet men," he says. According to Heywood, the clientele is mostly young professionals.

Such luxury does not come cheap though. The basic package, which includes a drink, shampoo and head massage, haircut or straight razor shave, and a follow-up trim, costs \$65. The so-called "Mogul" package includes all that plus VIP access to events at MR., access to a Web site where you can personalize your MR. experience, a classic straight-razor shave, and priority access to the barber of your choice. It's priced at \$250. And much like a gym membership, you have to pay these sums on a monthly basis.

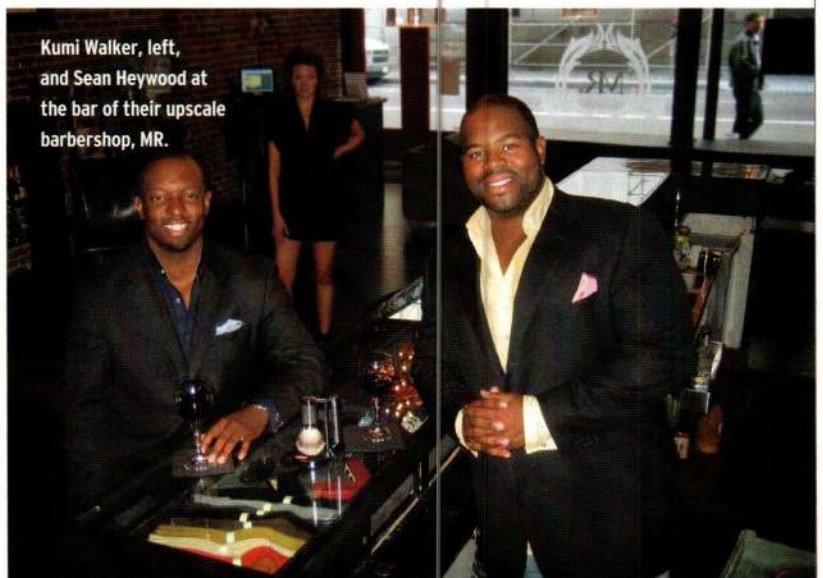
Heywood says he's been drawn to barbershops ever since he was a young kid growing up in Brooklyn. They were the "epicenter" of the community, he says. "Those were the places

where I would find out the latest about music, fashion, and what was going on in the community. You would also hear the best and worst jokes out at the time."

Walker came to the trade through his father, who paid his way through college by cutting hair. He cut Walker's hair when the boy was young. Walker says he and Heywood see MR. as a way to bring the "black barbershop experience to the masses." When they were designing MR., the duo made sure that the barber chairs all faced one another so customers could converse the way Walker and Heywood remembered men talking in the barbershops of their childhood.

Heywood and Walker met at Brown and then both went off to New York to work at financial firms. Each quickly realized he couldn't stand not being his own boss—"we wanted to create our own business," says Heywood—and they quit their jobs and went off to Stanford's business school.

When they graduated in 2006, "we plowed all of our savings into this venture," Walker says. "We embarked on a path that some would call ignorance. We called it faith." So far their gamble has paid off; Walker says the company is "doing well."



Kumi Walker, left, and Sean Heywood at the bar of their upscale barbershop, MR.

The two are now thinking about expanding. They want to open in other cities and possibly even the suburbs. The dream, says Walker, is to become the Starbucks of the haircutting world.

There are millions of men with hair out there, says Heywood: "Let's get them in the chair." **-IRENE CHEN '09**

Christine Marrese writes: "Michael Leone and I were married in Providence in August 2006 in a lovely, simple ceremony that included all our favorite people. I am in my third year of medical school at Penn State. Michael works for Clean Air Council of Pennsylvania on their global-warming agenda. We would love to hear from old friends at camarrese@hotmail.com."

Laura Schmitt Olabisi writes: "2006 was an eventful year! I graduated with a

PhD in systems ecology from SUNY Syracuse and became engaged to Michael Olabisi, who is originally from Nigeria. We are now married and live in Minneapolis, where I'm working as a postdoc at the Univ. of Minnesota Ecosystem Science and Sustainability Initiative. At our May wedding were my sister **Kristen Schmitt '02**, **Ninian Stein '07** PhD, and **Joanne Hsu '00**. Please drop me a line at 316 4th Ave. NE #2, Minneapolis, Minn. 55413; laura@schmitt.org."

Jasmine Waddell writes: "I am happy to announce that, thanks to the long hard fight for marriage equality in Massachusetts, I was able to complete my life with my spouse, **Jodi Johnson**. We had a small wedding ceremony in Manning Chapel with our families and friends, including the officiant, Rev. Janet Cooper Nelson, Dean Robin Rose, Dean Linda Dunleavy, Dean Kelly Barrett, Heather Flewelling, **Leonard Kirschen**, **Ninian Stein '07** PhD,

Kate Madden, Celia Garner, Shu-Yi Oei, Dulari Tahbildaar '00, Keith Catone '00, Dani Simons, Katie Weir, Sarah Pierson, Lindsay Rosenfeld '00, and Shradha Patel '00. Contact Jasmine can at 112 Thornton St. # 2, Boston 02119; jasmine.waddell@alumni.brown.edu.

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Nicole Israel writes: "On September 29 I married Josh Kaufman (Michigan '00) at the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Conn. Josh met **Judd Wishnow** at their first job in New York City, and through Judd has made plenty of Brown friends. Wedding guests included **Christian Anthony '96, Kevin Blake, Libby Cantrill, Annie Hindley Charlesworth, Susanna Cole, Sara Goldsmith, Julie Gottlieb, David Hirschman, Jason Klein, Michael Linden '03, Megan McKenna '01, Rebecca Melsky '03, Scott Newman, Ilana Rosman, Kate Sheehan, Sarah Shrager, Carolyn Cohan Simon, Julie Strom, Jenna Trabulus, Judd Wishnow, and Matt Wishnow '96.**"

Justine Kenna and her husband, Matt, announce the August 27, 2007, birth of Katherine Sidney Fludgate. Katherine was 8 lbs. 4 oz., and is getting bigger every day. Contact Justine at justine_fludgate@yahoo.com.

Amol Mhatre writes that after almost eight years, **Sarah DiGregorio '02** has succumbed to Stockholm Syndrome and agreed to marry him. He has also coerced her and her neurotic dog, Jack, into living with him in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Ross Mueller received his PhD in clinical psychology from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in 2006 and recently accepted a position as an assistant professor in the psychology department at Point Loma Nazarene Univ. in San Diego. He teaches research methods and clinical theory. His research focuses on moral and spiritual development.

Jesse Rissman and Anita Zamora announce the September 2, 2007, birth of their son, Mateo Nadav Rissman, in San Francisco. Jesse received his PhD in psychology from UC Berkeley in May and is a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford, where he conducts functional brain imaging studies of human memory. Anita is the clinical program coordinator at the Women's Community Clinic in San Francisco and is completing a master's program at the UC San Francisco School of Nursing.

Carolyn Cohan Simon announces the April 10, 2007, birth of her son, E.J. Robert

Simon. She writes: "He was born 7 lbs. 11 oz. and is a healthy baby boy! We are still living in the Philadelphia area."

Rachel Spaulding (see **Naline Lai '89**).

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Rachel Cruz and **Todd Auwarter** write: "Nine years after meeting in Professor Cheit's intro public policy class, we finally tied the knot on June 30 in Winnetka, Ill. The Brown-studded affair included bridesmaid **Maria Fusaro**, groomsmen **Robert Bishop, James Coburn, and Brendan Kaisershot**, and wedding guests **Tim Sackton, Kate Sackton '00, Steve Baker '03, Jason Blumenkrantz '00, Sharon Sonenblum '02, '03 ScM, Chad Farrell '02, Charles Hebert '05 MD, Derek Janiak, Jamie Martin-McNaughton '03, Michelle Menard '06, Kevin Mernick, Beth Hollander '04, Ray Prisament, Evelyn Saldana Prisament, Colin Rennert-May '03, Roger Turner, and Chad Wolfsheimer '00.** Todd and I live in the Chicago area, where he is a consultant at Bain Company and I am an attorney at Tabet DiVito & Rothstein. We have a nice guest room and a fairly well-stocked kitchen, so if you're in the area, please drop by. Contact us at tauwarter2007@kellogg.northwestern.edu."

Gretchen Staubly Harwood married James Harwood (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison '00) in Galena, Illinois, on October 6, 2007. In attendance were **Brian Palmer '70, Maura Cahill '00, Cecelia Magnani, Tatiana Divjak, Katherine Garmey, Jessica Vogel, Karl Rittger '02, Matthew Dufour, Ellie Blake Sullivan, Christopher Sullivan, and Jessica Buck '02.** Contact Gretchen at Gretchen@florachicago.com.

Brennan Gilbane Koch writes: "My husband, **Andrew**, and I just returned from Tuscany, Italy, where we celebrated the marriage of **Elena Urgelles** to Robin Eagleton. **Robyn Shepherd** and **Milana Rossi** also shared the beautiful day. Elena and Robin will live in New York City." Contact Brennan at bgkoch@gmail.com.

Michelle Gross Lilly married G. Daniel Lilly (Auburn Univ.) in an outdoor ceremony in June 2007. In attendance were **Sara Tindall Woodman, Regina Walsh McKie, Kara Laney, Mary Hale '02, and James Bucher.** Both Michelle and Daniel are completing doctoral studies at the Univ. of Michigan.

Andrew Paulsen writes: "On September 1, 2007, I married Libby Murrie (Westminster '01) in Washington, Mo. We had an outdoor wedding in perfect weather over-

looking the Missouri River. **Thomas Kucera '02 ScM** was a groomsman. **Tim Garrett '97** was a guest and provided a photo booth at the reception thanks to his business, PhotoboothStL. Libby and I live in Jersey City, New Jersey. I work at Goldman Sachs, and Libby works at the publishing reprint firm PARS International." Contact Andrew at andrew.paulsen@alumni.brown.edu.

Acadia Wallace Roessner writes: "My husband, Mike, and I welcomed our first child, Augustus 'Gus' Tracy Roessner, on September 10, 2007. He was born at Georgetown Hospital at 10:45 pm and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Gus showed us the dimples he inherited from his grandpa Wallace when he began smiling and laughing at five weeks old. We love being new parents, even the sleepless nights of feedings and diaper changes! I returned to work full-time at Booz Allen Hamilton in early November." Contact Acadia at awroessner@hotmail.com

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Julie Brener writes: "**Marcie Rubin** (Columbia '05 MPH, MPA) married Adam Schaffner (Emory '93, Rush '98 MD) on June 10 at the Garden City Hotel in New York City. In attendance, and tearing up the dance floor, were **Laura Brown '03, Mathew Farkash '03, Doug Kechijian, and bridesmaid Lindsay Rhodes.** After a whirlwind honeymoon in Croatia, the couple lives in Michigan, where Adam is completing a residency in plastic surgery. Marcie, who is finishing her doctorate in public health at Columbia, can be reached at marcie.rubin@alumni.brown.edu."

Vincent Capaldi '03 ScM, '07 MD married Melinda Toye (Eastern Nazarene '06) on March 9, 2007, in Providence. In attendance were **Omar Hyder '07 MD** (groomsman), **Sarah DeNucci '03, '07 MD** (bridesmaid), **Portia Thurmond '03, '06 MPH, '11 MD, Ido Preis '02, '07 MD, Thomas DeNucci '80 MD, and Julianne Ip '75, '78 MD.** Vincent and Melinda have relocated to Elkridge, Md., to embark on residency and graduate school.

Ethan Loewenthal can be reached at 814 Damascus Church Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516.

Rachel Mason announces the August 4, 2007, birth of her daughter, Naema Sage Mercia Popp. Rachel, her husband, Nathan, and Naema have just returned to Victoria, B.C., where they plan to settle indefinitely.

She writes: "Contacts are welcome—please stay in touch!" Contact Rachel at rachel_mason@alumni.brown.edu.

Evan S. Michelson married Ilysa Kimball on October 14 in Morristown, N.J. Evan is a research associate at the Woodrow Wilson Center, and Ilysa is a staff clinical psychologist at Greystone Park Hospital. Evan is also pursuing a doctoral degree in public administration at NYU. Groomsmen included **David Flink**, **David Hyman**, and **Jason Rauch** '03. In attendance were **Tamara Chestna**, **Lila Elman**, **Sarah Denniston**, **Elizabeth Johnson**, **Rebecca Schendel**, **Millicent Rauch** '03, **Jaime Berg Hyman** '03, and **Laura Epstein** '04.

Juan Carlos Olivarez writes: "I'm happy to report the birth of our son, Kai Ikeda Olivarez. Both mom and baby are healthy, and we are all excited to start a new chapter as a family." Juan can be reached at 42 Wolf Rd. #934, Lebanon, N.H. 03766; juan.olivarez@alumni.brown.edu.

Jason Sobel '03 ScM writes: "I married Sarah Linker on September 9, 2007, at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, Calif. **George Cabrera III** was the best man, and **Harry Li** was in the wedding party. Also present were **David Eramian** '03, **Li-Ming Pu**, **Kirstin Mennella**, **Michael Kriedman** '03, **Margaret Robinson** '04, **Peter Griess**, **Darren Modzelewski**, **Tiffany Reese**, **Karen Wesley** '03, **Alison Lee**, **Rebecca Doctors Botelho** '04, **James Botelho** '04, and **Courtney Brown** '01. It was a lot of fun to have so many Brown friends present. We've bought a house in San Francisco, and I've started work at Facebook in Palo Alto. Also at Facebook are **Leah Pearlman** '04, **Jon Warman** '05, **Eric Zamore** '04, **Eugene Letuchy** '04, and **Alison Rosenthal** '98. We're always hiring, so drop me a line if you're looking for a job!"

Liz Yu '06 MD writes: "**Allan Hansen** '06 MD and I were married in La Jolla, Calif. on August 18, 2007. We had a wonderful time enhanced by all of our Brown family! In attendance were: **Aimee Paik**, **Audrey Kwak**, **Elizabeth DiBona**, **Stanley Pelosi** '06 MD, **Peter Vezeridis** '07 MD, **Kerala Goodkin**, **Sara Kaplan**, **Jesse Winer**, **Nick Jaster**, **Amanda Higginson** '06 MD, **Katja Goldflam** '06 MD, **Will Carter** and **Tad Juszyk**." Contact Liz at elyu@ucsd.edu.

2003

Jessica Barker (see **Dick Barker** '57).

Nicole Fischler writes: "Graham Holt and I got married on October 6, 2007, at the

Fox Hollow in Woodbury, N.Y. My sister, **Lisa Fischler** '99, was my maid of honor, and we were thrilled that **Lesley Freiman** '05, **Dung Kim Nguyen**, and **Sean Cannella** '04 ScM could be present at our wedding. It was a wonderful occasion, and Graham and I were so happy to share it with the family and friends we love so dearly."

Willia Sky-Bacon and **Patrick Freer Jr.** '00 finally got married on July 28, 2007, in Georgetown, Maine, more than seven years after meeting at the Underground Bar. Many Brown friends and Sigma Chi boys attended—it was a blast! Thanks for the memories!"

Yaniv Gelnik married **L. Katrina Ole-MoiYoi** in two lovely ceremonies this past September: a beach wedding in Israel and a Maasai wedding in Kenya. In attendance were **Daniel Stern**, **Sasha Rubel** '06, **Jori Ketten** '02, **Mitchell Ginsburg** '01, **Hephzibah Levine** '00, **Tiferet Levine**, **Kileken Ole-MoiYoi** '06, **Juan Domenech-Clar**, **MeiLi Coon** '05, **Adam Laytin**, **Tali Griffel** '04, **J. Muir Hooper** '99 and **Elizabeth Giancola** '05. The Maasai wedding was conducted by his holiness, Daniel Stern. The couple writes: "We also managed to write a cookbook with the Brown guests, which is available to anyone interested. We are living well in Israel and we send regards!" Contact Katrina and Yaniv at 13 Sloosh St., Tel Aviv, Israel 65154; yaniv@gelnik.com.

Ben Gerhardtstein and **Katy Love** '04 were married in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina on September 1, 2007. Ben and Katy began their journey together eight years ago at the camp where they were wed. Over the Labor Day weekend, they slid down natural rockslides, hiked into the mountains, and explored granite boulders. The ceremony took place outside, and in attendance were **Miyo Tubridy** '06, **Julia Grob** '05, **Nina Hausman** '05, **Dominique Baillet** '04, **Ariana Green** '04, **Katherine Fichtel** '04, **Ateesh Chanda** '04, **Ariel Zodiates** '05, **Nick Horton** '04, **Tristram Wolff** '04, **Miriam Markowitz** '04, **Andy Gilden** '04, **Dawn McDaniel** '04, **Will Arnold** '05, **Mark Reynolds** '78, and **Kit Kinports** '76. Ben and Katy can be reached at lovehardsteins@gmail.com.

Katharine Lampen writes: "On March 24, 2007, I married Daniel Sachar (Swarthmore College and Columbia Univ. School of Business) in Miami. **Jaime Berg Hyman**, **David Hyman** '02, **Caren Lee**, **Stephanie Harris Singer** '04, **Anna Stern** '04, **Lauren Mirsky**, **Ilana Ruff** '04, **Amanda Moskowitz** '02, **Brian**

Singer '04, and **Kathleen Forcier** all attended. I also graduated from Weill Cornell Medical College on May 30. I will start my residency in diagnostic radiology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital (Weill Cornell) in 2008. I am now a medical intern at Lenox Hill Hospital."

Jocelyn Sage Weiner and **Nicholas Graham Mitchell** '04 were married on October 6, 2007, at the All Souls Chapel of the Poland Spring Resort in Maine. Bridesmaids included **Ellen Burns** '02, **Penny Billington**, **Julie Penner** '04, and **Maxine Zhang** '05, and groomsmen included **Andy Colvin** '04 and **Matt Knapp** '04. Also in attendance were **Ike Young**, **Ayal Aizer** '04, **John Audett** '04, **Steve Day** '04, **Tom** and **Maribeth Byrne Robertson** '04, and **Jessica Fye** '05. The reception was held at the Cliffside Lodge in Poland Spring. The couple honeymooned this winter in Mexico and the southwest United States. They live in Washington, D.C. Contact jocelyn_mitchell@yahoo.com; contact Nick at yanksmith@hotmail.com.

2004

Celinda Gourd and **Michael Kofron** were married on June 2, 2007, in West Warwick, R.I., at St. John the Baptist Church, where Celinda's parents and grandparents were married. The wedding party included best man **Jason Donahue** '05, maid of honor **Linda Yeh** '04, '05 MAT, groomsmen **Stephan Fabregas** '05, and bridesmaid **Katie Ahmann**. They celebrated and reunited with their roommates, friends, and teammates from their undergrad years, including **Alexander Bowman** '05, **Lauren Brodsky**, **Benjamin Galeota-Sprung** '05, **Mark Glenon** '07, **CJ Hoppel**, **Petra Jarolimova** '07, **Jon Jay**, **Jennifer Kim**, **Laura Leonetti**, **Kristin Loening** '05, **Daniel Macarthur** '05, **Elisabeth Marlowe**, **Maureen McCamley** ScM '04, **Craig McGowan** '07, **Annie Murray** '05, **Josh Novick**, **Cate Oswald**, **Dan Pastula** '03, **Alyssa Ricker** '07, **Andrew Schwartz** '07, **Blake Spitz**, **Julie Stein** '05, **Michael Tan** '03, **Eileen Wang** '07, and **Shirley Wu**. They also shared their union with **David Durfee** '80, '92 PhD and **Diane Hoffman-Kim** '93 PhD, **Michaela Andrews** '03, '06 MAT, **William Brown** '83, '87 MD, **Mara Coyle** '86 MD, **Elizabeth Deweerd** '05, '06 ScM, **Nicholas Goldberg** '05, **Sonia Gupta** '06, **Gerald Patterson** '07 PhD, and current Brown students **Jan Bruder** '03, **Kate Burgess**, **Julie Caplow**, **Molly Cohen**, **Brian Holt**, **Grace Li**, and **Roshni Patel**. The couple is living in Albion, R.I., while

Celinda works toward her PhD at Brown and Mike works at Bay Computer Associates in Cranston.

Gayle MacDonald Shanley writes: "On July 28, 2007, I married Rick Shanley (Emory '01) in my beautiful hometown of Peterborough, N.H. It was wonderful to have **Cari Cymanski, Vanessa Gonzalez, Erica Saleh, Nina Mamikunian, Allison Carter, Mike Ferguson, Elizabeth Forsyth '06, Kate Brackney '05, Ben Asriel '03, Adam Griska, Joseph Blodgett '03, Josh Loh '03, Tracy Hadden, Chris Randall, Kerry Ryan '02, and best man Sam Kusnetz '02** celebrate our wedding with us. Rick and I bought a house in Portland, Ore., where he is working and pursuing an MBA and I am happily freelance-teaching math and drama in home schooling circles." Contact Gayle at gayle_macdonald@alumni.brown.edu.

2005

Rebecca Barker (see **Dick Barker '57**).

Lisa Dietz recently finished her Peace Corps service in Ecuador as a Youth and Families Development volunteer. She taught classes on HIV/AIDS, family planning, and the prevention of human trafficking. She previously served as an English teacher in Bangladesh, also with the Peace Corps. Lisa currently manages the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Fellowship Program at Special Olympics in Washington, D.C. For more information about the program, please visit the official Web site at specialolympics.org.

Jennifer Hanson Isaacs writes: "On July 14, 2007, I was married to Russell Isaacs, a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. We were married in Summit, N.J., with a reception following at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. **Rebecca Dumas, Cary Goldberg, and Maria Kasparian** were bridesmaids. **Christina Blum, Gwen Fuertes, Elisabeth Reynolds, and Yongwook Kim** were also in attendance. We enjoyed a beautiful honeymoon in Antigua and are moving to Tacoma, Wash., so let us know if you will be in the area!"

Emily Nemens writes: "This fall, I was the 22nd writer-in-residence at the Kerouac Project of Orlando (kerouacproject.org). The three-month residency gave me free reign over the Orlando home where Jack Kerouac lived with his mother 50 years ago. He was living here when *On the Road* was published in 1957; after the book's hoopla in New York City he came back down to write *Dharma Bums* in the tiny back bedroom. It's been a

great break from postgraduate Brooklyn for me. In addition to working on my first novel, *Blue-Eyed Apples*, and a graphic novel project with Brown professor Paul Buhle and artist Harvey Pekar, I'll come out of Florida with a book of short stories: *Scrub* was published in November. You can read more about my time in Florida at nemenator.wordpress.com, and of course, please contact me with any questions."

Aaron Prosnitz writes that **K. Winslow Farrell Jr. '75** and Diane Goss Farrell recently celebrated the engagement of their daughter **Hilary Farrell** to Aaron over the Labor Day weekend in Westport, Conn., with friends, family, and several Brown alums. Hilary is working on a master's degree in TESOL at the Penn's Graduate School of Education, while Aaron is beginning his second year at Penn's School of Medicine.

2006

Michelle Menard (see **Rachel Cruz '01**).

Isabelle Zaugg married Abel Tilahun on August 1, 2007, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2007

Genevieve Kopil and Rhiannon Kopynec (see **Naline Lal '89**).

GS

Richard Cook '48 AM (see **Bernie Bell '42**).

Marilyn Tarasiewicz Erickson '59 AM (see '57).

Erich Kunzel '60 AM (see **Ben King '64**).

Mel B. Yoken '61 MAT has published *Breakthrough: Essays and Vignettes in Honor of John A. Rassias*, a celebration of the educator who revolutionized the art of learning languages. Mel has published eight books, including this most recent one, and has received several prestigious awards from the French Academy, the French government, the New York State Foreign Language Association, and MaFLA. He is the director of the Boivin Center of French Language and Culture at UMass Dartmouth.

Susan Adler Kaplan '65 MAT (see '58).

William Silvert '65 PhD (see '58).

Gerald J. Michael '66 ScM (see '65).

Tom Kuhlman '67 PhD, an associate professor emeritus of English at Creighton Univ., recently published *Baroque Nebraska*, published by AuthorHouse, and an article on S.J. Perelman printed in *Studies in Jewish Civil-*

ization; American Judaism in Popular Culture, printed by Creighton University Press.

Susan Johnston '68 MAT is the coauthor of *Princess Bubble*, a modern-day book celebrating singleness and written to reduce the overwhelming sense of failure, self-doubt, and despair that some single women face. Contact Susan at info@princessbubble.com.

L. Robert Smith '68 ScM was elected treasurer of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. He is still trying to figure out how he had time to work before he retired. Contact him at waterman450@worldnet.att.net.

John Freeman '69 ScM (see **Isabel Jackson Freeman '69**).

Walter Liedtke '69 AM was named Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, on the occasion of the opening of his exhibition, *The Age of Rembrandt*, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Walter's 1100-page catalogue of the 228 Dutch paintings in the museum (where he has been curator of European paintings since 1980) was published in August 2007. In 1993 he was made Knight in the Order of Leopold by King Albert II of Belgium, in recognition of his publications on Flemish art.

Aller Dyer ScM '70 (see '67).

Marilyn Friedman Hoffman '71 AM (see '67).

Dirk T. Held '72 PhD (see '60).

Jaimee Wriston Colbert '76 AM has published a new book, *Dream Lives of Butterflies: Stories*, which explores the discrepancy between the haves and the have-nots at the end of 20th century America. It is also a finalist for the USA BookNews National Best Books of 2007 Awards in Fiction/Stories.

Kristin Hayes '77 AM (see **David Lichtenstein '99**).

Joanne Schneider '77 PhD writes: "My book *Age of Romanticism* appeared in May 2007. I am in my last year as chair of the history department at Rhode Island College. I look forward to returning to the rank of regular professor!"

Lisa Dennison '78 AM was named to a newly created position, director of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City in October. She has held the position of deputy director and chief curator at the Guggenheim since 1996, and has been a member of the curatorial department since 1978. Lisa aided in the preparation of several important exhibitions, including *Arshile Gorky, 1904-1948: A Retrospective* (1981). She was promoted to assistant curator in 1981, associate curator

in 1990, collections curator in 1991, curator of Collections and exhibitions in 1994, and deputy director and chief curator in 1996.

Mahmud Hasan '82 PhD can be reached at matt.hasan@verizon.net.

Susan Schilling Keats '82 PhD (see **John Keats** '75).

Cary Honig '84 MAT (see **Jennifer Borman** '85).

Sila Liane Chakrawarti '89 AM (see '79).

Valerie Tutson '90 AM (see **Justin Green** '48).

Erin Egan '91 MAT (see **Jennifer Borman** '85).

Deborah Merrill '91 PhD released *Mothers-in-Law and Daughters-in-Law: Understanding the Relationship and What Makes Them Friends or Foe* in September 2007. She is a sociology professor at Clark Univ.

David Durfee '92 PhD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Alexander Merk '92 ScM (see **Hanna Tikkanen Merk** '91).

Diane Hoffman-Kim '93 PhD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Anna Klosowska '94 PhD, an associate professor of French at Miami Univ. of Ohio, is the editor of *Madeleine de l'Aubespine: Selected Poems and Translations*, published by the Univ. of Chicago Press as part of its series, *The Other Voice in Early Modern Europe*. Klosowska has published widely, including a 2004 book, *Queer Love in the Middle Ages*, and in 1988 conceived and edited *Violence Against Women in Medieval Texts*, widely hailed as an important volume in her field.

Mark Amerika '97 MFA writes: "For those who are interested, I have just published two new books: *META/DATA: A Digital Poetics* and *29 Inches: A Long Narrative Poem*. More info at: markamerika.com."

Brent Stuart Goodwin '97 AM has been promoted to supervisor of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's LAX Command Center. He oversees the coordination of state, local, and federal antiterrorism efforts. He also maintains the readiness of the department's Emergency Operations Center. Contact him

through classmates.com.

Sam Houser '97 PhD was appointed secretary of the college and executive assistant to the president of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Sam can be reached at shouser@fandm.edu.

Edward Bok Lee '98 MFA was appointed assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at Metropolitan State Univ. (Minn.). He will teach poetry, fiction, and memoir writing with an emphasis on the experiences of U.S. people of color.

Stephen Martin '99 AM (see **Jennifer Borman** '85).

Andrew Mirsky '00 ScM (see **Josh Lawrence** '99).

Dorkina Myrick '01 MD, '01 PhD (see '01 MD).

Thomas Kucera '02 ScM (see **Andrew Paulsen** '01).

Christina O'Connor '02 MAT (see **David Lichtenstein** '99).

Sharon Sonenblum '03 ScM (see **Rachel Cruz** '01).

Jason Sobel '03 ScM (see '02).

Sean Cannella '04 ScM (see **Nicole Fischer** '03).

Maureen McCamley '04 ScM (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Linda Yeh '04, '05 MAT (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Michaela Andrews '03, '06 MAT (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Elizabeth Deweerd '05, '06 ScM (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Melissa Labonte '06 PhD (see **Thad Williamson** '92).

Portia Thurmond '06 MPH (see **Vincent Capaldi** '02).

Gerald Patterson '07 PhD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

Ninian Stein '07 PhD (see **Laura Schmitt Olabisi** '99 and **Jasmine Waddell** '99).

MD

Joel Shalowitz '77 MD (see '74).

Julianne Ip '78 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89 and **Vincent Capaldi** '02).

John Keats '78 MD (see '75).

Gene Weinberg '78 MD (see **Cleo Paleis Hazard** '51).

Thomas DeNucci '80 MD **Sarah DeNucci** '07 MD (see **Vincent Capaldi** '02).

Mara Coyle '86 MD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

William Brown '83, '87 MD (see **Celinda Gourd** '04).

John Brooklyn '89 MD is a family phy-

sician at the Community Health Center of Burlington, Vt. He was recently recognized by the Vermont and New Hampshire Bi-State Primary Care Association for his efforts in the treatment of opiate addiction and his attempt to mainstream those treatments into primary care. Edwin is on the faculty at the Univ. of Vermont's College of Medicine, where he has been the medical director of the Substance Abuse Treatment Center since 1994. His area of research is in the use of buprenorphine, an alternative to methadone.

Howie Kornstein '93 MD (see **Alyson Yashar** '89).

Sonia Sujin Chung '98 MD and **Nisha Gupta** '98 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Christine Huo '99 MD, **Melissa Lai** '99 MD, **Felix Lui** '99 MD, **Jack Rozel** '99 MD, and **Sue Saks Walker** '99 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Kavita Babu '00 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Sanjay Naik '00 MD (see '96).

Dorkina Myrick '01 MD, '01 PhD writes: "I completed a residency in anatomic pathology at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., in June 2005. After residency, I accepted a position with the Cancer Training Branch of the National Cancer Institute, where I am currently employed. It's a fantastic opportunity! I would not have been able to obtain this type of career experience anywhere else." Contact Dorkina at Dorkina_Myrick@yahoo.com.

Sameer Saini '95, '01 MD and **Seema Saini** '97, '01 MD (see **Monika Srivastava** '98).

Sumona Saha '98, '02 MD (see **Monika Srivastava** '98).

Rashmi Licht '02 MD (see '98).

David Poch '02 MD (see **Joanna Mareth** '98).

Matthew O'Brien '04 MD (see **David Lichtenstein** '99).

Julie Roth '04 MD (see **Marcelle Bombardieri** '99).

Charles Hebert '05 MD (see **Rachel Cruz** '01).

Jimmy Carroll '06 MD (see **Naline Lai** '89).

Katja Goldflam '06 MD, **Amanda Higginson** '06 MD, **Allan Hansen** '06 MD, and **Stanley Pelosi** '06 MD (see **Liz Yu** '02).

Liz Yu '06 MD (see '02).

Vincent Capaldi '07 MD, **Sarah DeNucci** '07 MD, **Omar Hyder** '07 MD, and **Ido Preis** '07 MD (see **Vincent Capaldi** '02).

Peter Veziridis '07 MD (see **Liz Yu** '02).

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The deadline for the May/June issue is March 1, and the deadline for the July/August issue is May 1.

1920s

Saul C. Seligman '29, of Bloomfield, Conn.; Aug. 30. He was a retired dentist. He was president of the Meriden Dental Society and lifetime member of the American Dental Assoc. and Connecticut Dental Assoc., and president of Meriden Probus Club. He is survived by his wife, Janetta, as well as three daughters, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

1930s

Evelyn Bacheller Gosling '32, of Middletown, R.I.; Aug. 17. She worked as a laboratory technician at Union Hospital in Fall River, Mass., until 1940. She was an active member of the altar guilds at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, R.I., and St. John's Episcopal Church in Barrington, R.I. She enjoyed family, boating, gardening, golf, and tennis. She is survived by three sons, ten grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

G. Kenneth Eaton '33, of Westborough, Mass.; Sept. 19. He was a factory manager for BB Rubber Co. in Nashua, N.H., until he retired in 1972. He is survived by daughters **Louisa Eaton Gralla** '69 and **Judith Eaton** '60; sons **Gerald** '72 and **J. Roderick** '66; five grandchildren, including **Peter Galea** '96; and a sister.

Winifred Mayock O'Hara '33, of Houston, Tex.; Oct. 3. She was a retired educator with the Houston Independent School District, serving as teacher, counselor, supervisor, and director of business education. Prior to holding these positions, she worked for the U.S. Department of State in Bolivia, where she served as an adviser in public administration and education. She subsequently authored the first secretary's manual in Spanish, which was published and distributed throughout South America. She taught

and worked in Bogota, Colombia; Caracas, Venezuela; Monterrey, Mexico; and Tehran, Iran. She was active in the American Association of University Women for more than 50 years. She is survived by a daughter, two stepsons, three grandsons, and ten great-grandchildren.

Margaret B. Milliken '33, of West Yarmouth, Mass.; Oct. 24. She was a published poet who won several awards and a writer for the *Yarmouth Register* weekly newspaper. She was a member of the New England Poetry Club, the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, where she served as lector and choir member. She is survived by a sister, two nephews, and a grandniece.

Theodora Gleason Bushkovski '36, of Sterling, Colo.; Sept. 8. She was a teacher in the Sterling public school system and in community programs for the developmentally disabled. She played the organ, sang, and toured Europe with the Westminster Choir and Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, where she was also an elder. She was a member of the League of Women Voters. She is survived by a son, a daughter, four grandchildren (including **Matthew Harmon** '06), and five great-grandchildren.

Dorris Marcus Mendelsohn '36, '39 AM, of Providence; Sept. 10. She taught in the Providence school system for 45 years, the last 25 of which were at Classical High School teaching English, Latin, German, Spanish, and ancient history. She retired in 1985. She was a member of Hadassah and Temple Emanu-El, where she also taught confirmation classes for sixteen years. She is survived by several cousins.

Harry L. Judd '38, of Northbrook, Ill.; Aug. 22. He was a retired vice president of the U.S. Gypsum Co. in Chicago. Over the years, his

many titles included director of the Chicago Crime Commission; director of the Illinois Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation; director of the Episcopal Church Foundation; and warden at St. David Episcopal Church. He was a member of the University Club of Chicago, the Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield, Ill., and the Moorings Country Club in Naples, Fla. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Hand Neves '38, of Largo, Fla.; Aug. 28. She taught nursing to LPNs in the Bristol-Plymouth, Mass., area until retiring in 1980 to Florida. She enjoyed playing tennis and golf, winning a gold medal in the Senior Olympics "Over 80" in Las Vegas. She is survived by a daughter, five sons, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Walter N. Jackson '39, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Sept. 19. He was a minister, business owner, and land developer. As an assistant minister in Chicago, he helped to start the Congress of Racial Equality and eventually built a church in Detroit. Leaving the church to his co-minister, he moved to Pittsford, Vt., and became minister of Pittsford Congregational Church. Eventually he moved back to Detroit and joined the Goodbody Brokerage Co., building a successful practice, which led to his purchase of land that he developed into Priscilla Meadows, a housing subdivision for the poor. He then started Permanest Plastic Shutters, which he eventually sold to Weather-Mate Products Inc., continuing as vice president. During winters he sailed down to Coconut Grove, Fla., where he enjoyed playing golf. After developing land in the north and wintering in the south, in 2004 he settled in Chapel Hill. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla; a son; two daughters, including **Lillian Jackson** '67; and two grandchildren.

1940s

Abraham Belilove '40, of Providence, Aug. 22. He was an attorney for 65 years and was a principal in the firm of Arcaro Belilove & Kolodney in Providence. He was a member of the Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and American bar associations and of Temple Beth El. He was a former president of B'nai Brith. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed reading. He is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Curtis E. Warren '40, of Mystic, Conn.; Sept. 19. He was a principal bank examiner for the State of Connecticut until he retired in 2007. Before this appointment, he was an accountant at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Masons, past master of Coastal Lodge #57, and officer of the Stonington (Conn.) Grange. He was an avid cross-country skier, past his 84th year. He is survived by his wife, Anne; his son **Craig** '69; and a daughter.

Paul L. Pollinger '41, of Calabasas, Calif.; Sept. 25. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 34 years in Van Nuys, Encino, and Tarzana, Calif. During World War II he served as captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his wife, Janice.

Lilla M. Pond '41, of Norwood, Mass.; Sept. 1. She was the retired owner-operator of the Wrentham Insurance Agency, which had been founded by her father. She was past treasurer of the Norwood Business and Professional Women's Club and a member of the Norwood Women's Club, the Independent Insurance Agents, the Norfolk County Insurance Women, the Cushing Academy Women's Club, and the First Congregational Church in Norwood. She is survived by a cousin and numerous friends.

Robert Steinsieck '41, of Nazareth, Pa.; Sept. 15. He was a general surgeon in private practice and, from 1953 to 1970, a staff surgeon at Newton-Wellesley (Mass.) Hospital. From 1970 until he retired in 1985, he was a staff surgeon at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, N.H. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps., and then in the reserves, from which he was discharged with the rank of major. He is survived by his wife, Marie, as well as a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, a step-grandson, and a great-grandson.

Richard P. Donovan '42, of Essex, Conn., formerly of Pelham, N.Y.; Oct. 7, after a brief illness. He was an attorney practicing municipal-bond law in New York City until he retired in 2003. From 1969 to 2003 he served on the board of directors of the N.Y. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children after serving as its secretary from 1971 to 1991. He was also a trustee of the New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center. He was a member of the New York City, New Rochelle, and New York State

bar associations, the Yale Club of NYC, the Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle, and the Dunes Club in Narragansett, R.I. During World War II he served on the USS *Alabama* and USS *South Dakota* in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. A U.S. Navy lieutenant at war's end, he taught flying at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station in Florida. Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by two sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and brother **William** '47.

Barbara Wiley Morley '42, of Natick, Mass.; Aug. 2. She spent many years in Japan serving the American embassy, teaching English, and studying pottery. In the United States she was a potter, served on the board of the Old Church Cultural Center in Demarest, N.J., and was active in the Nichibei Fujinkai (the Japanese-American Women's Club). She is survived by her husband, James, as well as a daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Arnold F. Hilfer '44, of Tehachapi, Calif.; Jul. 12, from Alzheimer's. A retired physician, he practiced internal medicine for 30 years in Arcadia, Calif., and taught students at the U.S.C. School of Medicine, from which he retired in 1988. He is survived by his wife, Lois, as well as three daughters, three grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Richard Downes '45, of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; Aug. 18. He worked for the State of Florida Division of Vital Statistics, eventually becoming the state registrar until his retirement in 1989. He earlier worked as a general manager for various hotels. During World War II he served as a U.S. Navy Corpsman in the Seabees. He was a member of the National Seabee Vets-Island 9 and a trustee of the Atlantic Beach Police Pension Board. He is survived by three sons, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Jules G. Fleder '45, of Stamford, Conn.; Oct. 3, of cancer. He was a naval architect who headed the Westlawn School of Yacht Design (now the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology), and retired in 1988. In 1987 he was honored by the boating industry with the Charles F. Chapman Memorial Award for his outstanding contributions. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aerial photographer in the Pacific theater. He was a member of the N.Y. Yacht Club, the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and the

Corinthians. He was an avid reader. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two daughters; two sons, including **Robert** '72; and four grandchildren.

Robert P. Smith '45, of Apex, N.C.; Oct. 2, of cancer. He held managerial positions for the Xerox Corp. in New York City until he retired in 1985. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Halsey* Powell, where he participated in the surrender and occupation of Japan. He enjoyed photography, traveling, classical music, and computers. He is survived by his wife, Jean, as well as a daughter, three sons, and three grandchildren.

Elwin E. Linden '46, of New Canaan, Conn., formerly of Cranston, R.I.; Oct. 12, after a long illness. He was the owner of EE Linden & Associates Inc., an engineering-consulting business in Darien, Conn. He retired in 1994. In 1947 he was elected to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Before owning and operating his own company, he worked for Narragansett Electric Company, where he designed and built the first heat pump house in Cranston, R.I. That year he was given the Outstanding Committee Chairman Award of the Providence Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1957 he was elected vice president of the same organization. In 1960 he became president of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and started the first Starlight Pops concert series. He served ten years as the chairman of the Building and Owners Management Association. He was a member of the New Canaan Congregational Church, the Kiwanis Club of New Canaan, and the New Canaan Senior Men's Club. He enjoyed traveling and photography. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, as well as two daughters and three grandchildren.

George C. Myers '46, of Berwyn, Pa.; Sept. 25, of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was a retired quality-control manager for the Container Corp. of America. He assisted his wife with many volunteer projects, including the Junior League. During World War II he served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific. He enjoyed fishing, sailing, and golf. He is survived by his wife, **Susan Wiener Myers** '48, as well as a daughter, three sons, and three grandsons.

Robert B. Abel '47, of Shrewsbury, N.J.; Oct. 10. Beginning in 1993, he worked as a senior scientist at the Stevens Institute

of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. Before that, he was president of the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, vice president of Texas A&M Univ., and a teacher of oceanography in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1966. In 1967 he became the founding director of Sea Grant, a program organized by the National Science Foundation, and later transferred to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He led the program for ten years. He was a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, and the Cosmos Club. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son **Alan S. Abel** '77; a daughter; two grandsons; and a sister.

Arthur E. Hatch Jr. '47, of Syracuse, N.Y., and Clearwater, Fla.; Sept. 16. He was the retired president of AE Hatch & Associates Inc. in Syracuse. During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Force, piloting a B-24. He enjoyed the outdoors, sailing, fishing, and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, as well as a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Leonard D. Murphy '47, of Montville, N.J.; Sept. 8. He was vice president of the Staten Island region of Con Edison in New York City when he retired in 1991. A community leader, he served on the boards of numerous local organizations, including the Staten Island Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, the Staten Island Historical Society, the United Way of Staten Island, and the Jesuit Program for Living and Learning. He also served as chairman of the Richmond County Overall Economic Development Committee and the Staten Island Committee for the revitalization and growth of commerce, industry, and government services. He worked with the Rotary Club of Staten Island. He is survived by his wife, Carol, as well as two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and a sister.

Jimmie L. Stinson '47, of Spartanburg, S.C.; Sept. 4, of cancer. He was a dentist in private practice until he retired in 1998. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Bonhomme Richard*. In retirement he volunteered for Mobile Meals. He was past president of the Piedmont Sertoma Club and the Piedmont District Dental Society, and a member of the South Carolina Dental Assoc., the Spartanburg Country Club, and the Lan-Yair

Country Club. He was also a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church for 40 years, serving as president of the Methodist Men's Club and the Builders Sunday school class. He enjoyed golf, reading, poetry, and sports. He is survived by his wife, Kay, as well as a daughter, four sons, twelve grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Robert H. Metcalf '48, of Lake Bluff, Ill.; Oct. 9. He spent 42 years in education. For 29 years he was the superintendent of Lake Forest High School, from which he retired in 1992. In his retirement he enjoyed playing golf. He is survived by his wife, Mary, as well as a daughter, a son, two stepdaughters, and eight grandchildren.

Joyce Handy Reynolds '49, of East Greenwich, R.I.; Aug. 25. She was a homemaker active in the Narragansett Bay Quilters Assoc., as well as a member of the New England Quilt Museum. She is survived by three daughters and two brothers.

Dominick R. Sperduti '49, '55 AM, of Fall River, Mass.; Oct. 1. He was the head of the foreign language department at Durfee High School in Fall River, from which he retired in 1979. Before teaching, his knowledge of several languages resulted in work for the U.S. Department of Defense and contributions to *L'Indépendant*, *Gazzetta del Massachusetts*, and *Spanish Today*. He wrote numerous books and enjoyed traveling and reading. He is survived by two sisters; his brother **Edward** '50; and several nieces and nephews.

1950s

Jack A. Belden Jr. '50, of Mulberry, Ark.; Sept. 7. He worked in oil industry sales. During World War II he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by three daughters, two stepdaughters, a grandson, and two step-grandsons.

Robert T. Craig Jr. '50, of Ormond Beach, Fla.; Oct. 14. He was a sales and marketing manager for the Goodyear Rubber & Tire Co. until he retired in 1987. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed poker, puzzles, golf, tennis, and football. He is survived by two daughters and a sister.

Robert Cummings '50, of Little Compton, R.I.; Aug. 22, of cancer. He was in the

brokerage business serving as president of Brown, Lisle/Cummings Inc. until 2002. He founded the R.I. Association of Investment Firms and served as its first president. He was past vice chairman of the National Association of Securities Dealers District Committee 13, headquartered in Boston. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during the Korean War. He played goalie for the Narragansett Lacrosse Club and participated in the Brown University Sports Foundation until his death. He served on the board of directors of Women & Infant's Hospital, as treasurer of the Providence Boys Club, as vice president of the Community Chest of Rhode Island, and as a trustee for the Wheeler School and the South Kingstown Land Trust. He was an avid art collector. He is survived by his wife, Greta; five daughters, including **Marcie** '76, **Ann** '84, **Constance C. Kelly** '80; fourteen grandchildren, including **Samuel Carmichael** '07; three stepchildren; former wife, Shirley Ellis Cummings; and two sisters.

Alfred E. Forstall '50, of Alexandria, Va.; Oct. 20. He was a cartographer for the U.S. Forest Service and a bookmobile driver for the Alexandria Library system. He is survived by his wife, **Louise Dimlich Forstall** '51; two sons; five grandchildren; and sister **Alice Forstall Dana** '48.

James B. Hardy '50, of White River Junction, Vt.; Sept. 20, as a result of injuries sustained in a fall. He was vice president of sales for Tudor Pulp & Paper in Ridgefield, Conn., until he retired in 1989. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army as a radio operator in the Pacific. A music lover, he enjoyed opera as well as symphonic and ecclesiastical music. He had an interest in antiques and their restoration, enjoyed gardening, and was a member of St. Thomas Church in Hanover. He is survived by his wife, Dusty, as well as a son, two grandsons, and two sisters.

Lawrence E. Lincoln '50, of Yarmouth, Mass.; Oct. 21, of kidney disease. He was an international officer of the Bank of Boston until he retired in 1985. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS *Huntington* as a radarman. He was active in the Grace Episcopal Church in North Attleboro, Mass., and St. David's Church in South Yarmouth, Mass. He served as lay reader, vestryman, senior warden, and treasurer. He belonged to several Masonic bodies, including Ezekiel

Bates Lodge, Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter, and Bristol Commandery. In 2002 he received the 50-year medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In retirement he enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Great Britain. He is survived by three sons, including **Steven** '81 and **Robert** '83; eight grandchildren; and a brother.

John W. Lyons '50, of East Providence; Sept. 22. He was a retired school teacher in the Seekonk, Mass., school department. He was active with the East Providence Hall of Fame and a member of the Segregansett Country Club. During World War II he served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife, Penny, and several nieces and nephews.

Manas Manasian '50, of Halifax, Mass.; Sept. 9, of renal cancer. He was a retired sales support manager for the jet engine aircraft division of General Electric. Through GE he was able to work with the U.S. Department of Defense to improve engines for U.S. Air Force planes. During World War II, while serving in the U.S. Army Air Force, he was taken prisoner by German forces and, after two years, honorably discharged in 1945 with several awards and medals, including the Purple Heart. He enjoyed fishing and boating. He is survived by his son, Richard, of 34 Grandwood Dr., Forestdale, Mass. 02644; two daughters; a stepson; sixteen grandchildren; and a sister.

Alexander Marshall '50, of Pawtucket, R.I.; Oct. 19, after a struggle with lymphoma and leukemia. He retired in 1991 from McDonnell Douglas Corp. after 38 years of service in international marketing. During the Korean War he served in the U.S. Navy. Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of Salem-in-Ladue United Methodist Church, where he participated in the choir and various leadership capacities. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, including **David** '85, and **Daniel** '88; three grandchildren; and a sister, **Sarah M. Fell** '53.

Richard Spence '50, of Bristol, R.I.; Aug. 16, of Alzheimer's. He was a retired electrical engineer. During World War II and the Korean War he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Mt. Hope Lodge, the Masons, and the First Congregational Church. He enjoyed golf and travel. He is survived by his wife, Muriel, as well as a son, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

John N. Carpender '51, of San Diego, formerly of New York City; Aug. 19. He worked for 35 years as an executive in the marketing and advertising business before retiring in 1987 as president of Warren Pfaff Advertising Agency in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Jane, as well as two daughters, a son, two grandchildren, and a sister.

Peter G. Chaggaris '51, of Hampton, N.H.; Oct. 6. He was a retired U.S. Air Force major, a real estate broker, and a wholesale art dealer. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a nuclear weapons instructor assigned to a base in Roswell, N.M. He advanced to navigator and received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal. He served a one-year tour in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross. After retiring from the military in 1972, he became a real estate broker. His most recent career was as a wholesale art dealer. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, as well as two sons, two granddaughters, two step-grandchildren, and two brothers.

Robert R. Dolt '51, of Warren, N.J.; Aug. 24, after a brief illness. He taught in the Burlington, Vt., school system for 18 years. Before teaching, he was employed by Pratt & Whitney and General Electric Co. in the New England area. He enjoyed gardening and all animals, especially birds. He is survived by many friends.

John F. Bell '52, of Ontario, Canada; Aug. 31. He was a retired senior manager for HD Brown Enterprises in Ontario. He was a member of the Brantford Golf and Country Club and enjoyed sailing and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, as well as two daughters and a son, Arthur Bell, of German School Rd., RR#1, Paris, Ontario, Canada N3L 3E.

Stafford Frazier '52, of Wellfleet, Mass.; Aug. 18. He was a retired attorney and a member of both the Rhode Island and Massachusetts bar associations. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Kristin, as well as a daughter, a stepdaughter, two stepsons, two step-grandchildren, and a step-great-granddaughter.

Edward L. Baxter '53, of Mount Airy, N.C.; Jun. 13, 2006.

Laurance W. Winans '54, of McLean, Va., formerly of New York City; July 21. He

served as a social worker in New York City before retiring to McLean. He enjoyed the opera and attended regular performances at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. He is survived by a brother, a niece, and a nephew.

Elizabeth A. Gwaltney '55, of Portsmouth, N.H.; Oct. 20, of cancer. She was a retired educator. She taught philosophy and directed student activities at State University New York. She started the special education program for learning disabled children in Melrose, Mass., and later was a college counselor at Frederick Community College in Maryland. She is survived by a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Gordon E. Johnson '55, of Branford, Conn.; May 20. He was employed by WELI Radio in New Haven, Conn., for more than 30 years and was known as The Voice of the 960. His talented writing, narrating, and producing led to a partnership with Sleeping Giant Films in Hamden, Conn., and he later established his own production company to create industrial films and videos. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, as well as two daughters, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

John J. Hines '56, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Aug. 26. He was a retired attorney. He founded the Functional Engineering Society with several Brown alumni and served as its chairman until his death. He was a board member for Levendo, an international telecommunications company. He enjoyed traveling the world, cheering the New York Yankees and the Florida Gators, and the television game show *Tic Tac Dough*, where he was a seven-day champion. He is survived by his wife, Meredith; two sons; and three grandsons.

Richard A. Blake '57, of Center Conway, N.H.; Aug. 13. He had a long career in sales after beginning work at the Boston Store, his family's department store in Providence. He enjoyed sports of all kinds, especially skiing and golf. He was an amateur photographer and enjoyed playing cards. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, and a grandson.

Jane Almy Scott '57, of Summerland Key, Fla., formerly of Philadelphia; Sept. 1, from a series of strokes. She worked for IBM as a computer consultant in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., before retiring. She was an active volunteer with the Junior League

of Philadelphia, the Girl Scouts, the Radnor (Penn.) public schools, and the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. She also was a volunteer guide at Independence Hall and held numerous positions with the Brown Alumni Assoc. She enjoyed her family and travel. She is survived by her husband, Gerald; two daughters, including **Deborah S. Child** '87; and two grandchildren.

William B. Glen '58, of Goffstown, N.H.; Oct. 1, following a brief illness. He was a chemical-purchasing agent for various companies before semi-retiring as a sales agent with the *Senior Beacon* newspaper. He was an active member of the Congregational Church of Goffstown and a member of the Goffstown Lions Club. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Joan, as well as a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

Michael A. Ginsberg '59, of Naples, Fla.; Oct. 24. He worked in management for Maas Brothers, Burdine's, and Marshalls, retiring in 2005. From 1974 to 1984 he owned and operated bicycle shops in Framingham, Mass. He served in the National Guard Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, as well as a daughter, a son, and brother **Laurance** '74.

Charles A. Regnell '59, of Redlands, Calif.; Sept. 16. He was a workers' compensation judge in the San Bernardino, Calif., system. He earlier worked for Falk Regnell Hamblin & Godfrey, handling workers' compensation defense. He had a passion for architecture and playing the piano, and was a NASCAR and Boston Red Sox fan. He was an active member of the Pasadena Heritage Society and the First Congregational Church of Redlands, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, as well as three stepdaughters, a stepson, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Girard L. Stein '59, of Port Townsend, Wash.; Aug. 17, of cancer. He began his career as an environmental attorney with the firm Winer, Neuberger & Sive in New York City before moving to northern California, where he founded the American Home Shield, a home-warranty company. In 1996 he moved to Port Townsend, where he was president of the Port Townsend Food Co-Op. He was admitted to the New York State Bar and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army and then

with the U.S. Army Reserve in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He was an avid reader and enjoyed fine wine and sports, especially the New York Yankees. He is survived by his wife, Janet, as well as two sons, four daughters, and seven grandchildren.

1960s

David L. Van Olinda '60, of Plymouth, Mass.; Aug. 9, of prostate cancer. He was an electrical engineer for Welch's Foods, until he retired in 2004. He enjoyed golf, woodworking, and genealogy research. He was also involved with Habitat for Humanity. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of 21 Champlain Circle, Plymouth 02360; a daughter; two sons; five grandchildren; and a sister, **Carol Van Olinda McGee** '63.

Carole Jones Dineen '63, of Sherman, Conn.; Oct. 22, of cancer. She held various career positions before retiring in 1992. From 1986 to 1992 she was a vice president of Citibank. In 1985 she was the associate director for management in the Executive Office of the President of the United States, Office of Management and Budget. From 1983 to 1985 she was fiscal assistant treasurer of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she was responsible for the management of the government's payment systems. From 1978 to 1983 she was a vice president of Bankers Trust Company in operations, including managing the money-transfer customer service division. From 1968 to 1978 she worked for Trans World Airlines in marketing, and then as manager of airport operations at Kennedy Airport facilities. From 1963 to 1968 she served as an intelligence officer at the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in Virginia. In her retirement she was active in the New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Welfare Society, where she served on the board of directors and as chairwoman of the board. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and a niece and a nephew.

Jay M. Wiley '64, of East Boothbay, Me.; Aug. 13. He retired in 1996 from a 27-year career with Mobile Chemical Corp. in Rochester, N.Y. An avid sailor, in his retirement he sailed from Portland, Me., to Portsmouth, England. He was president of the Boothbay Shores Association and a member of the Down East Yacht Club. He is survived by his wife, Sydney, as well as two sons, three grandchildren, and his father, Fred E. Wiley.

Sally Miller Johnston '65, '68 AM, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Jul. 20, of heart failure. She worked with several international development organizations and lived in Kenya, Tanzania, and Nigeria before moving to Chapel Hill in 1977. In Chapel Hill she served as president of the Kensington Trace Homeowners Assoc. for ten years and as secretary of the Ocean Reef Homeowners Assoc. in Emerald Isle, N.C., for seventeen years. She is survived by her husband, **Alan** '68, of 104 Buena Vista Way, Chapel Hill 27514, and a brother.

Kenneth R. Dawson '69, '78 MD, of Cambridge, Mass.; Aug. 27, of a brain tumor. He was a child psychiatrist. Since 1988 he worked for Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates at its Cambridge and Medford centers. He was also senior child psychiatrist at Westwood Lodge Hospital and at the Lowell Youth Treatment Center. During his career he was medical director of inpatient units at the Charles River Hospital, Mount Auburn Hospital, and the Boston Center. He is survived by his wife, Susan, as well as two sons, a daughter, and his mother, Mary Dawson.

1970s

Steven J. Massarsky '70, of New York City; Oct. 5, of cancer. He was an attorney and a businessman. He was founder and CEO of Business Incubation Group Inc., which focused on incubating companies that market and sell consumer products and services. In 1989 he cofounded Voyager Communications Inc., which grew to become the third largest comic-book publisher in the country; he eventually sold it to Acclaim Entertainment Inc. but retained the title of president and publisher of the Acclaim Comics Division. He earlier operated an entertainment-law practice. He became a founding board member of the Brown Entrepreneurship Program and served on the board of Shop Well With You. He was a member of the California and New York State bar associations, the Brown University Sports Foundation, and the Weehawken, N.J., Hall of Fame. He is survived by his mother, Yetta Massarsky, as well as two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Robert Soboda '73, of Central Falls, R.I.; Sept. 11. He was an attorney. He is survived by his former wife, Anne Cardi, as well as three sons, a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Scott Livie '75, of Chestertown, Md.; Apr. 27, of colorectal cancer. He was the founder of Chesapeake Benefit Services, an employee-benefit firm providing services to local, regional, and national accounts. He served as president of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce in 2000 and was elected to the Kent County Commission in 2002. He was a member of the Chesapeake College board of trustees for 12 years, serving twice as chairman of the board. A gifted athlete, he not only coached lacrosse teams in his local area, but continued to play lacrosse while undergoing chemotherapy, playing in the 2000 and 2002 World Games in the Grand Master Division and as a member of the 1999 tournament All-Star team in Lake Placid. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and crabbing. He is survived by his wife, Anne; three daughters; a stepdaughter; a stepson; his mother, Jeanne Livie Tarring; a sister; and a brother.

Anne Hogg Penick '79, of Arlington, Va.; Aug. 21, of breast cancer. She was an attorney for the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton-Gore presidential campaigns. She worked for AT&E Corp. in San Francisco before moving to Washington, D.C., in 1987, where she worked as an attorney for LCC International in Arlington. She was a member of the Arlington Women's Civic Alliance, the Northern Virginia Alliance League, and the Washington Golf and Country Club. She raised funds for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Center and Living Beyond Breast Cancer. She is survived by her husband, Syndor Barksdale Penick, as well as a daughter and two sisters.

1980s

Robert J. Ryan '80, of Westport, Conn.; Oct. 13, of cancer. He was an executive vice president of Standard Chartered Bank in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, as well as a daughter, a brother, and four sisters.

Darryl W. Bolduc '83, of Huntersville, N.C.; Sept. 17, in a jet-skiing accident. He was an attorney and senior trader/portfolio manager for Nibor Capital Management. He was a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the Mecklenburg County Bar Association, and the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association. He enjoyed golf, hockey, and the outdoors. He is survived by

his wife, Angie; a stepdaughter; a stepson; his parents, Marcel and Beatrice McInnis Bolduc; two sisters; six brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

1990s

Richard H. Acker '91, of Glenview, Ill.; May 20, of cancer. He was an environmental attorney practicing at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Ennerson in San Francisco for several years before returning to Chicago to work for the nonprofit organization Openlands Project. In 2005 he became an attorney at the Environmental Law and Policy Center, focusing on clean water and wildlife habitat issues. He enjoyed music, hiking, traveling, and nature photography. He is survived by his wife, Karen of 332 Nellie Ct., Glenview 60025; a daughter; his parents, Fred and **Cindy Wayne Acker** '59; a brother; and two sisters, including **Jenny Acker Bishop** '94.

2000s

Hilary R. Swaffield '06, of Wolfeboro, N.H.; Sept. 12. She was an excellent student and athlete while at Brown. She was a captain of the Brown ski team and earned All-American and Academic All-American honors. She was an accomplished musician and writer and enjoyed animals and the great outdoors. A published writer, she interned for the *Nation's* **David Corn** '81, helping him research a book. She is survived by her parents, Bill and Becky Swaffield; a sister; a brother; grandmothers; and several aunts and uncles.

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Elinor Andersen Larson '41 AM, of Plymouth, Mass.; Aug. 29. She was a teacher in Weymouth and Bourne, Mass., and in New Jersey before moving to Plymouth. She was a member of the Plymouth Garden Club and sold real estate in Bourne and Plymouth. She is survived by her husband, Warren, as well as a son, two daughters, and eleven grandchildren.

Louise Comer Turner '41 ScM, of Newton, Mass.; formerly of Fairfield, Conn.; Aug. 20. She was a retired associate professor of mathematics at the Univ. of Bridgeport in Connecticut. From 1941 to 1947 she taught at Barnard College. During World War II she taught cryptanalysis for the U.S. Navy

to a select group of Barnard students. She taught mathematics at Roger Ludlowe high school in Fairfield before becoming an associate professor at the Univ. of Bridgeport. After retiring from teaching, she became the regional coordinator and adviser for Charter Oak State College. Phi Beta Kappa. She was also a member of the American Mathematical Society and the American Association of University Women. She is survived by a son, two daughters, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

James M. Pickett '51 PhD, of Surry, Me.; Jul. 5. He taught briefly at the Univ. of Conn, then at Gallaudet College (known today as Gallaudet Univ.), where he became director of research. He retired in 1987. He wrote two standard textbooks on acoustic phonetics. He enjoyed sailing, birding, gardening, and music. He is survived by his wife, Betty, as well as a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Bertie Frankenhuis Argyris '53 ScM, of Weston, Mass.; Sept. 11, following a brief illness. She was a professor of microbiology and immunology at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y., and was appointed emeritus professor of immunology upon her retirement in 1985. She published numerous articles on transplantation immunity and the development of the neonatal immune response. She is survived by her husband, Tom, as well as a sister and several nieces and nephews.

James H. Cassedy '59 PhD, of Bethesda, Md.; Sept. 14, of cachexia. He was a historian at the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine, and retired in 2006. He was past president and vice president of the American Association for the History of Medicine. He received the Welch Medal, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the National Library of Medicine Regents Award. He was the author of six books and the editor of the *Bibliography of the History of Medicine*. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed playing the piano, traveling, and researching history. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and two daughters.

David L. Pratt '61 MAT, of San Francisco; Sept. 3, of cancer. He was the retired headmaster of the Town School for Boys in San Francisco. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a

member of several educational boards and was chairman of the board of directors of the Education Records Bureau. He conducted many workshops for the National Association of Independent Schools and for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. His nonacademic memberships included DAPRA Corp. in Connecticut and the Pacific Union Club; he was also a 16-year member of the Nob Hill Condominium Association. He enjoyed music, theater, literature, travel, and sailing. He is survived by his wife, Marie-Louise, as well as a daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Irving L. Williams '62 MAT, of Greensboro, N.C.; Sept. 3, of kidney failure. He was a physics professor at Nassau Community College for 29 years until he retired in 1996. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he was the president's assistant on affirmative action from 1980 to 1985 and served on the Roosevelt School Board from 1988 to 1991. He was a member of 100 Black Men of Nassau County and of Grace Lutheran Church. He collected coins and enjoyed classical music, crossword puzzles, and science fiction programs. He is survived by his wife, Carrie, and two daughters.

William K. Bottorff '64 PhD, of Ottawa Hills, Ohio; Oct. 15, of prostate cancer. He taught at Boston Univ., SUNY Geneseo, Ohio Univ., and the Univ. of Toledo, as well as occasional special courses at the Toledo Museum of Art. He retired in 1992. He wrote poetry and fiction and published two novellas, a novel, and two books of poetry. He served in the U.S. Navy, where he was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He enjoyed sports car rallying, collecting toys, painting, and playing tennis. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a daughter; a son; and three grandchildren.

Janet W. Bloodgood '69 MAT, of Zionville, N.C.; Oct. 17. She was an associate professor in the department of language, reading, and exceptionalities in the Reich College of Education at Appalachian State Univ. She is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren, three sisters, and two brothers.

Todd M. Savarese '80 PhD, of Northborough, Mass.; Oct. 4, after a brief illness. He was an associate professor of research in cancer biology at the Univ. of Massachusetts

Medical School in Worcester. Prior to this, he taught for many years as an assistant professor of medical science at Brown. He was active in the Middlesex County 4-H Fife and Drum Corps, serving as codirector, and was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church. He was an avid history buff, as well as a photographer, musician, and New England Patriots fan. He is survived by his wife, Diane; two sons; his mother, Gladys Brody Savarese; a sister; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Michele Morrisson Bernstein '81 AM, of Setauket, N.Y.; Aug. 16, of pancreatic cancer. She was an anthropologist and curator who won national recognition for an exhibit on 19th-century seafaring women. In 1990, combining her love of sailing and history, she became a fine arts curator for the New York Yacht Club in Manhattan. She became the first director of the Three Village Historical Society and later worked as curator and educator for the Stony Brook Univ. Institute for Long Island Archeology. She enjoyed punk-rock music and gardening. She is survived by her husband, David, as well as a daughter and a son.

Rhonda Simper Ronan '07 PhD, of Southbury, Conn.; Sept. 4. She was employed by Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as a research scientist studying cures for cancer and other diseases. She is survived by her husband, Stephen; her parents, Julius and Diane Simper; a brother; a sister; her paternal grandmother, Henrietta Simper; and several nieces and nephews.

Faculty

William Dinneen, of Greenville, R.I.; Jul. 26. He was a retired professor of music at Brown, teaching courses in music history and serving as organist in the days of daily chapel at Sayles Hall, where his chapel choir achieved a reputation of excellence. He gave individual lessons in organ playing and held the title of organist at the First Baptist Church in America, the Benefit St. Unitarian Church, and St. Joseph's Church in Fox Point. In 1950, as a member of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, he created the *Vox Oceana*, a newsletter to inform members of the chapter's activities, and was subsequently honored with the Anna Fiore Smith award for commitment to furthering appreciation of the organ. He was also a music critic for the *Providence Journal* and

keyboardist for the Rhode Island Philharmonic. He is survived by his wife, **Frances Latson Dinneen** '43, of 20 Austin Ave., Apt. 306, Greenville 02828; two sons; and two grandsons.

Alvan E. Fisher, of Half Moon Bay, Calif.; Sept. 28, of renal cancer. A specialist in infectious diseases, he was a founding member of AIDS Project Rhode Island, where he was instrumental in establishing standards of care for patients with HIV and helping patients find doctors who would treat them. He served as chairman of the AIDS task force at Rhode Island Hospital and helped start the Brown University AIDS Program. AIDS Project Rhode Island recognized him with its first Red Ribbon Community Service Award in 2002. More recently he continued his work in the field of HIV/AIDS treatment as senior director of medical affairs for Gilead Sciences, a biotech company in Foster City, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, as well as two sons, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

Oswald Hall, of Ottawa, Canada; Aug. 31. He began a five-year career at Brown as a sociology lecturer in 1941. That year, when the United States entered World War II and the campus hosted a naval training program, Hall failed to meet armed forces health standards and was recruited by Brown to teach mathematics to naval officers. In 1944 he left Brown to complete his doctoral thesis at the Univ. of Chicago and then to join the faculty of McGill Univ. and subsequently the Univ. of Toronto, where he continued to teach and conduct research until his retirement in 1973. His contributions to the development of sociology and Canada were recognized with an honorary doctorate from the Univ. of Carleton and membership in the Royal Society of Canada. He is survived by a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, and a sister.

Bryce D. Lyon, of Hanover, N.H.; May 24, of metastatic cancer. He taught history at Brown for 22 years until he retired in 1987. He was the author of more than 20 books and numerous articles on medieval history. One of the works he was proudest of was *Henri Pirenne: A Biographical and Intellectual Study*, about the renowned Belgian historian of the medieval period. Bryce was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is survived by a son and a daughter. **B**

No Baby Doll

This little Zapatista is a lesson in politics.

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OR GENERATIONS

the women of Chiapas, Mexico, have crafted handmade cloth dolls. Chiapas is Mexico's southernmost state and among the poorest; the majority of the people are farmers and they speak their own indigenous languages. In the 1980s local revolutionaries calling themselves Zapatistas rebelled against state neglect. The figures of the masked rebels were broadcast worldwide and became iconic images: the little guy fighting globalization.

The crafty ladies of Chiapas were quick to find an income stream in the rebellion: to sell to tourists they started sewing little Zapatista dolls, which they adorned with tiny machine guns and dressed in the protestors' trademark masks.

While in Chiapas studying ethnography, Thomas Urban '05 purchased one of the dolls for the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology's collection of indigenous artifacts from the Americas.

The doll is among the 150-plus items from Brown museums, libraries, and galleries that are on display through May at the Annmary Brown Memorial. American civilization students curated the show. Called "From A.A. to Zouave: Collections at Brown," it contains the coffeepot A.A. founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob famously drank from, a knit cap from a Civil War Zouave regiment, and objects starting with all the letters in between.

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